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Frank Capra's timeless classic "It's a Wonderful Life" celebrates 75 years of heartwarming holiday spirit when it airs Saturday, Dec. 4, on NBC. Jimmy Stewart ("The Philadelphia Story," 1940) stars as down-on-his-luck husband and father George Bailey, a man who wishes he had never been born. George gets the shock of his life when he soon meets Clarence Odbody (Henry Travers, "Mrs. Miniver," 1942), an angel sent to show him his value on Earth.

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# It's a Wonderful classic

## Celebrating 75 years of Bedford Falls

By Kyla Brewer  
TV Media

As the holidays cast a bright light over winter's long, dark days ahead, TV viewers can look forward to seasonal classics to lift their spirits. One such film celebrates an auspicious milestone as it only seems to improve with age.

Jimmy Stewart ("The Philadelphia Story," 1940) stars as down-on-his-luck husband and father George Bailey in "It's a Wonderful Life," airing Saturday, Dec. 4, on NBC. Celebrating its 75th anniversary this year, the classic film will also air on Christmas Eve in what has become an annual tradition for the network.

Directed by Academy Award winner Frank Capra ("Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," 1939), the holiday film follows George from childhood to age 38 when he learns an important lesson about the meaning of life.

On the brink of financial ruin as his family's Bailey Bros. Building & Loan Association threatens to go under, he contemplates suicide on Christmas Eve and wishes he'd never been born. His wish prompts his guardian angel, Clarence Odbody (Henry Travers, "Mrs. Miniver," 1942), to show him what life would be like for his loved ones if he had never existed. George soon discovers that his beloved hometown of Bedford Falls is now known as Pottersville, named after greedy, unscrupulous banker Mr. Potter (Lionel Barrymore, "A Free Soul," 1931). George checks in with his loved ones, such as his wife, Mary (Donna Reed, "From Here to Eternity," 1953), and his Uncle Billy (Thomas Mitchell, "Gone With the Wind," 1939), who insist they've never met him.



Karolyn Grimes and James Stewart as seen in "It's a Wonderful Life"

"Each man's life touches so many other lives," Clarence tells George in the film. "When he isn't around, he leaves an awful hole, doesn't he?"

While the drama that unfolds onscreen has captured the hearts of millions over the past 75 years, the story of how the film found its way to the screen is almost as fascinating.

Based on the short story "The Greatest Gift" by writer Philp Van Doren Stern, which was, itself, inspired by the Charles Dickens classic "A Christmas Carol," Van Doren Stern self-published the book and sent it around to friends at Christmas after failing to find a publisher. The story soon

came to the attention of Hollywood studio heads, who wanted to cast Cary Grant ("Bringing Up Baby," 1938) in the leading role, but it eventually found its way to Capra, who saw its potential for Stewart.

Several writers were brought in to work on the script, including Jo Swerling ("The Pride of the Yankees," 1942), Michael Wilson ("A Place in the Sun," 1951), Dorothy Parker ("A Star is Born," 1937) and husband-and-wife duo Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett (both "Father of the Bride," 1950). Unfortunately, according to legend, the writing process was rife with conflict between the writers.

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In the end, writing credits went to Goodrich, Hackett and Capra with scenes by Swerling.

After the script was set, cast and crew got to work on a four-acre Bedford Falls set that consisted of a main street three city blocks long, 75 buildings and stores, and a quaint residential neighborhood.

Watching the film, you might swear Stewart and company were traipsing through a winter wonderland, but the truth is that the movie was filmed from April to July 1946 in exactly 90 days, as scheduled. In fact, part of it was filmed during a heat-wave, including an iconic snowy scene — the one where George runs through a snowy Bedford Falls. Special effects artist Russell Shearman created a new “chemical snow” using soap flakes, sugar and foamite, which earned him and colleagues Marty Martin and Jack Lannan a Technical Achievement Award at the 1946 Academy Awards.

All in all, “It’s a Wonderful Life” earned five Academy Award nominations, separate from the technical award: Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor (for Stewart, of course), Best Film Editing and Best Sound Recording. While many try to claim the film was universally panned at the time of its release, that was not so.

Time magazine claimed it was among the best films of the year, calling it “a pretty wonderful movie.” However, many reviewers did find the piece overly sentimental, and the movie didn’t break even at the box office, losing about half a million dollars. The film’s critics included the FBI, which issued a memo claiming that “It’s a Wonderful Life” had communist undertones, attempted to discredit bankers and tried to show that rich people were mean and despicable by portraying Mr. Potter as the villain.

Still, despite naysayers, Capra claimed it was his favorite film, and he reportedly screened it for his family every Christmas season, as millions of families do now.

George Bailey was supposedly Stewart’s favorite character he ever played, his first big role after returning from serving in World War II. Several of



Donna Reed and James Stewart in “It’s a Wonderful life”

the entertainment industry’s most successful directors have also cited “It’s a Wonderful Life” among their favorites, including Stephen Spielberg (“Jaws,” 1975), Rob Reiner (“A Few Good Men,” 1992) and Edward Zwick (“thirtysomething”).

Since its release 75 years ago, Capra’s movie has only grown in popularity, especially since rights lapsed into the public domain in the 1970s, allowing broadcasters to air it more easily during the Christmas season. It’s become a part of many people’s annual holiday traditions with its life-affirming message and picture-perfect performances by Stewart and Reed. In 2006, AFI ranked “It’s a Wonderful Life” as the most inspirational film of all time, and the following year it ranked the film as the 20th greatest movie of all time.

Love for the residents of Bedford Falls lives on during an annual festival in Seneca Falls, New York, which some people have claimed was Capra’s inspiration for the quaint setting of the film, though no one has ever found corroborating evidence that this

is the case. Regardless, each year the town welcomes fans and special guests associated with the film.

The fact that there is an annual festival 75 years after the film’s release is clear evidence that its message rings true with today’s audiences. Far from today’s typical saccharine holiday offerings, “It’s a Wonderful Life” is dark and serious as George considers ending it all before coming to his senses and facing the music.

Perhaps his tale will prompt us all to take a look at our own lives and realize that while we may focus on what we do not have or have not done in our lives, it is the impact we’ve had on those around us that really matters. For, as Clarence writes to George, “Remember no man is a failure who has friends.”

In a sometimes uncertain world, this is one holiday classic that is definitely worthy of an annual viewing or two.

Don’t miss “It’s a Wonderful Life,” airing Saturday, Dec. 4, and Friday, Dec. 24, on NBC.

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# Five unconventional holiday heroes

by Dana Simpson

When it comes to holiday heroes, everyone is familiar with the classics. From Santa Claus and his elves to Rudolph and Frosty, holiday cheer can be found just about everywhere this time of the year — even in the strangest of places (and genres!). Here are a few unconventional heroes to root for this yuletide season.

## John McClane

### “Die Hard” (1988)

In Los Angeles to visit his estranged wife (Bonnie Bedelia, “Presumed Innocent,” 1990) for Christmas, NYPD Det. John McClane (Bruce Willis, “The Sixth Sense,” 1999) finds a unique way to bring holiday cheer to the City of Angels in this classic action film. When his wife’s company Christmas party is crashed by a group of East German terrorists, led by Hans Gruber (Alan Rickman, “Love Actually,” 2003) and looking to steal millions of dollars in American bearer bonds, several people are taken hostage. McClane takes it upon himself to stop Gruber himself while awaiting the local police force.



Bruce Willis in “Die Hard”; moviestillsdb.com

## Davey Stone

### “Eight Crazy Nights” (2002)

Now in his early 30s and still just as party-loving as ever, Davy Stone (voiced by Adam Sandler, “Little Nicky,” 2000) gets himself into a lot of trouble with the law during Hanukkah in this animated musical comedy. Softened by the spirit of the season and willing to cut Stone a break, the judge assigns the degenerate to help coach a basketball team instead of being forced to spend the holidays in jail. But when Stone meets the team’s elderly, elf-like coach, he thinks maybe a Hanukkah spent in jail would have been easier.

## The Pi Kappa Sigma sisters

### “Black Christmas” (1974)

Holidays become horror days for Jess (Olivia Hussey, “It,” 1990), Barb (Margot Kidder, “The Amityville Horror,” 1979) and the Pi Kappa Sigma sisters as an anonymous caller begins antagonizing them in this Christmas-themed horror flick. Once the sisters realize the calls aren’t the misguided pranks of a local fraternity, they must band together to get out alive.



Margot Kidder in “Black Christmas”; iTunes

## Willie Stokes

### “Bad Santa” (2003)

A down-on-his-luck convicted conman, Willie T. Stokes (Billy Bob Thornton, “Goliath”) is looking for a way to bring in some more money, and fast! Normally working one season a year as a department store Santa, Stokes and his partner, Marcus (Tony Cox, “Spaceballs,” 1987), devise an elaborate holiday heist at his place of work.

## Gizmo

### “Gremlins” (1984)

Arguably the cutest hero on the list, Gizmo is a furry mystery creature called a Mogwai. Bought on impulse while Christmas shopping in Chinatown, Billy’s (Zach Galligan, “Waxwork,” 1988) father gifts him the Mogwai along with three important rules: no bright lights, don’t get him wet and never, ever feed him after midnight. When the rules are broken, Gizmo and Billy accidentally unleash a band of vicious Gremlins on their small town.



Gizmo from “Gremlins”; iTunes



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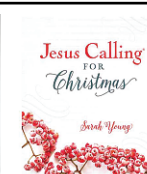


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# Our favorite festive and furry films

by Dana Simpson

Despite their many differences to humans, animals have always had a way of warming hearts, even in the coldest winter weather. And while movie lovers are often quick to name human-led holiday film favorites, here is a list of five films — animated and live-action — that are fronted by at least one unlikely animal hero.

## The Star (2017)

A creative retelling of the nativity, this recent computer-animated story looks at what the birth of Jesus might have been like from the perspective of the animals in the manger on that fateful night in Bethlehem. Eager to break free from his life of labor at the village mill, little donkey Bo (Steven Yeun, “Minari,” 2020) finally finds the courage to make his dreams come true. Teaming up with flockless sheep Ruth (Aidy Bryant, “Shrill”), Dave the dove (Keegan-Michael Key, “Key and Peele”), three quirky camels and a few barn animals, the troupe unwittingly becomes a major set of characters in the story of the first Christmas.



A scene from “The Star”, moviestillsdb.com

## The Search for Santa Paws (2010)

A prequel to the 2009 film “Santa Buddies,” this adorable spinoff sees a magical former stuffed-toy dog named Santa Paws travel to New York City from the North Pole with his owner, Santa Claus (Richard Riehle, “The Hebrew Hammer,” 2003), hoping to settle some personal business. Along the way, however, the two Santas get into some trouble, and it’s up to their friends back home to save them.

## Olive, the Other Reindeer (1999)

A clever play on the lyrics to the famous Christmas song mentioned earlier, “Olive, the Other Reindeer” tells the adorable story of Olive (Drew Barrymore, “Santa Clarita Diet”), an anthropomorphic Jack Russell terrier who finds out one of Santa’s (Ed Asner, “Elf,” 2003) reindeer has been injured and becomes determined to cheer up his owner by saving Christmas. Teaming up with a con artist penguin named Martini (Joe Pantoliano, “The Matrix,” 1999), Olive travels to the North Pole, hoping to make it in time for the big night.

## Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer (1964)

A beloved classic for more than half a century, this stop-motion animated film tells the tale of Rudolph (voiced by Billie Mae Richards, “Shadow Builder,” 1998), a young reindeer who has been cast out of family events, school activities and all those much sung about “reindeer games” on account of his abnormal, bright red nose. Upset, Rudolph runs away, looking for friends who will accept him. However, when Santa (Stan Francis, “The New Adventures of Pinocchio”) needs help seeing through the fog that Christmas, Rudolph’s nose proves handy.



Rudolph from “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer”; iTunes

## An American Tail (1986)

This heartwarming animated musical dramedy has become a favorite to watch during the Festival of Lights. The story of Fievel (Phillip Glasser, “Hang Time”), a Russian Jewish mouse emigrating to the United States, a land believed to be without cats. After he is separated from his parents during the trip, Fievel must learn to navigate his new home alone while trying to make friends and avoid the cats he thought he had finally dodged for good. An allegory for the Jewish experience in America, this film takes place around Hanukkah and is sure to light up any household this holiday season.



Fievel from “An American Tail”; iTunes

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# Bet your bottom dollar

## NBC launches rags-to-riches production

By Dana Simpson  
TV Media

While “the sun will come out tomorrow,” it might shine brightest this year on Thursday, Dec. 2, when one of the most beloved musicals of all time is featured live on NBC. “Annie Live!” airs this holiday season as a live, family-friendly television production — and there are a few names associated with it that are nearly as big as the adorable orphan’s own.

Starring in the titular role is relative newcomer Celina Smith (“Tyler Perry’s Young Dylan”), marking the second time in history that the role will be filled by a Black actress — and what a role it is!

For those unfamiliar with the musical’s storyline, Annie is a kind, loving, if not a little rough-around-the-edges foundling who is dropped off at an orphanage run by the despicable Miss Hannigan (Taraji P. Henson, “Hidden Figures,” 2016), a harsh woman who does everything in her power to make the orphans’ lives a miserable existence. With just half a locket to her name, Annie remains hopeful her parents will come back for her, but Miss Hannigan always finds a way to crush her spirit.

Then a visitor arrives and changes everything for young Annie.

Billionaire Oliver “Daddy” Warbucks, played in “Annie Live!” by none other than actor/crooner Harry Connick Jr. (“P.S. I Love You,” 2007), is the perfect image of a suave and guarded businessman. After his secretary, Grace Farrell (Nicole Scherzinger, “The Masked Singer”), pays a visit to Miss Hannigan to invite one of the orphans (surprise, it’s Annie) to spend a week with him — ulti-

mately to improve his public image — Warbucks finds himself slowly growing fonder of the girl.

Amid New York City adventures, secrets shared in confidence and a full line-up of upbeat, feel-good hit songs, Warbucks does everything in his power (and he has a lot of power!) to bring joy and love into little Annie’s life, including helping her find her birth parents. Unfortunately, there are two scheming criminals looking to ruin Annie’s happiness at all costs.

“Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt” stars Tituss Burgess and Jane Krakowski star side-by-side once again as Miss Hannigan’s seedy brother, Rooster, and his girlfriend/partner-in-crime, Lily St. Regis. Helping Hannigan to balance the proverbial scales (in her eyes), as she believes no orphan deserves a life of luxury, Rooster and Lily concoct an evil plan to get Annie away from Warbucks for good.

While the main plot may sound familiar to anyone who’s seen the Broadway show or any film adaptation — most popular among them the 1982 film version starring Carol Burnett (“The Carol Burnett Show”), Albert Finney (“Erin Brockovich,” 2000) and Aileen Quinn (“Multiple Sarcasms,” 2010) as Annie — few would classify the tale as a Christmas story.

Of course the song-and-dance routines, feel-good message and family vibe contribute to the holiday feeling, but what many viewers (and the occasional filmmaker) has overlooked is that the story’s resolution takes place during the Christmas season — because there’s no better feeling than spending the holidays with the ones you love.

Directed by Alex Rudzinski (“Grease Live!” 2016) and Lear deBessonnet (Off-Broadway’s “The



“Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt” co-stars Jane Krakowski and Tituss Burgess to star in “Annie Live!”

Winter’s Tale,” 2014), with Sergio Trujillo (“Jersey Boys,” 2014) as the choreographer, production credits for “Annie Live!” go to Rudzinski, Robert Greenblatt (“9 to 5,” 2008) and Neil Meron (“The Wiz Live!” 2015).



































Don’t miss the classic tale when it airs live before your eyes Thursday, Dec. 2, on NBC. For those who are otherwise engaged in cookie decorating, light stringing or gift purchasing, a taped version of the live broadcast will be airing once again on the network Monday, Dec. 20.

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






























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## Thursday, November 25

- 6 p.m. FREE** Movie "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.
- HMM** Movie "Looks Like Christmas" (2016) Anne Heche. Two Type-A single parents must learn the meaning of Christmas.
- LIFE** Movie "The Santa Squad" (2020) Rebecca Dalton. An out of work art teacher accepts a job to help a widower and his two daughters.
- TBS** Movie "Four Christmases" (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.
- 8 p.m. HALL** Movie "The Nine Kittens of Christmas" (2021) Brandon Routh. Zachary and Marilee are reunited after being tasked with finding a home for some kittens.
- 8:30 p.m. NICK** Danger Force Danger Force catches a case of the Kramps when Krampus threatens to ruin their plans.
- 10 p.m. CMT** Last Man Standing Mike offers Kristin and Ryan a very generous Christmas present for their wedding.
- HMM** Movie "Holly and Ivy" (2020) A woman looks for a contractor so she can adopt her sick neighbor's kids.

## Friday, November 26

- 6 p.m. HALL** Movie "Christmas CEO" (2021) A CEO is given an enormous offer, but needs her ex-husband's signature to close the deal.
- HMM** Movie "One December Night" (2021) Eloise Mumford. Two music managers oversee the reunion of their rock star fathers with a fractured past.
- LIFE** Movie "Dancing Through the Snow" (2021) Colin Lawrence. A video of a single father and his young daughter doing a ballet routine goes viral.
- 7 p.m. NICK** The Loud House Lincoln embarks on a mission to preserve the family's holiday traditions.
- TBS** Movie "Fred Claus" (2007) Paul Giamatti. Santa bails his criminal brother out of jail and brings him to the North Pole.
- 8 p.m. ABC** Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town Kris Kringle overcomes an evil ruler and delivers toys to children all over the world.
- CBS** Frosty the Snowman Pursued by a greedy magician and rising temperatures, Frosty sets off for the North Pole.
- HALL** Movie "An Unexpected Christmas" (2021) Bethany Joy Lenz. A writer and his ex-girlfriend make a deal in order to save his family's Christmas.
- HMM** Movie "Christmas at Grand Valley" (2018) Danica McKellar. An artist returns home to Grand Valley just in time for Christmas.
- LIFE** Movie "Reba McEntire's Christmas in Tune" (2021) Reba McEntire. A couple reunites when their daughter asks them to participate in a Christmas concert.
- NBC** Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas The story of the Grinch, who decides to steal Christmas from the citizens of Whoville.
- 8:30 p.m. CBS** Frosty Returns A little girl tries to keep Frosty from melting when a snow-removing spray is invented.
- NBC** 5 More Sleeps 'Til Christmas The animated adaptation of Jimmy Fallon's best-selling children's book.
- 8:45 p.m. NICK** The Loud House Lincoln embarks on a mission to preserve the family's holiday traditions.
- 9 p.m. CW** Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer On Christmas Eve, a boy sets out to find his grandmother who mysteriously disappeared.
- NBC** Trolls: Holiday in Harmony Queen Poppy plans the first annual Trolls Kingdom Secret Holiday Gift Swap.

## Sunday, Nov. 28, on CW



The Walton family is making it home for the holidays in the premiering film "The Waltons' Homecoming," airing Sunday, Nov. 28, on CW. When John Sr. (Ben Lawson) disappears in a storm on his way home for Christmas, John Boy (Logan Shroyer) sets out to find him and ends up on an adventure that changes his life forever. Bellamy Young also stars.

- 9:30 p.m. NBC** A Saturday Night Live Christmas Special Santa brings the laughs as 'SNL' goes into the time capsule for Christmas-themed sketches.
- TBS** Movie "Fred Claus" (2007) Paul Giamatti. Santa bails his criminal brother out of jail and brings him to the North Pole.
- 10 p.m. HMM** Movie "Time for Me to Come Home for Christmas" (2018) Megan Park. A canceled flight lands two unlikely strangers together.

## Saturday, November 27

- 6 p.m. HALL** Movie "Making Spirits Bright" (2021) Taylor Cole. The son and daughter of rivaling holiday families help to mend their fathers' feud.
- LIFE** Movie "Merry Little Christmas Wedding" (2020) Kelly Rowland. A couple has a Christmas wedding more memorable than they could have ever dreamed.
- TBS** Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
- 7:15 p.m. FREE** Movie "The Santa Clause" (1994) Tim Allen. When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.

- 8 p.m. HALL** Movie "Christmas at Castle Hart" (2021) Brooke goes to Ireland in search of her roots, and meets the charming Earl of Glaslough.
- LIFE** Movie "Merry Little Christmas Baby" (2021) Kelly Rowland. With their family expanding, the Liddles are headed for a Christmas of merry mayhem.
- NICK** The Loud House Lincoln embarks on a mission to preserve the family's holiday traditions.
- TBS** Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
- 9 p.m. CBS** The Story of Santa Claus A toymaker and his wife are evicted from their small shop by their heartless landlord.
- 9:25 p.m. FREE** Movie "The Santa Clause 2" (2002) Tim Allen. After being Santa Claus for a few years, Scott Calvin must find a wife and help his son.
- 10 p.m. TBS** Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

## Sunday, November 28

- 6 p.m. HALL** Movie "Christmas in Tahoe" (2021) Laura Osnes. In order to save her family's Christmas show, Claire needs the help of her ex-boyfriend.
- ION** Movie "A Christmas Mystery" (2014) Esmé Bianco. A woman hires a detective to help unravel the mystery behind letters to her late mother.
- LIFE** Movie "You Make It Feel Like Christmas" (2021) Mary Antonini. A talented young designer is too busy to go home for the holidays.
- NICK** The Loud House Lincoln embarks on a mission to preserve the family's holiday traditions.
- 7 p.m. ABC** The Wonderful World of Disney: Magical Holiday Celebration Kick off the holiday season in a way only Disney can with musical performances.
- 8 p.m. CW** Movie "The Waltons' Homecoming" (2021) Bellamy Young. John Boy sets out to find John Sr. who gets lost in a storm on his way back for Christmas.
- DISN** Toy Story That Time Forgot Trixie the triceratops helps the gang to return to Bonnie's room.
- HALL** Movie "The Christmas Contest" (2021) Candace Cameron. Two exes take part in a Christmas contest in order to win money for their charities.
- ION** A Christmas Witness
- LIFE** Movie "Miracle in Motor City" (2021) Tia Mowry. A woman promises to deliver a performance by Smokey Robinson at her church.
- 9:30 p.m. DISN** Miraculous: Tales of Ladybug and Cat Noir Nino's brother gets akumatized into Chris Master and sends giant toys to wreak havoc.
- 10 p.m. ION** A Christmas Witness
- HALL** Movie "Making Spirits Bright" (2021) Taylor Cole. The son and daughter of rivaling holiday families help to mend their fathers' feud.

## Monday, November 29

- 6 p.m. HMM** Movie "A Little Christmas Charm" (2020) Ashley Greene. When a woman finds a lost charm bracelet she sets out to find the rightful owner.
- LIFE** Movie "Christmas in Mississippi" (2017) A photographer returns home for Christmas just as the annual holiday light show begins.

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- 8 p.m.** **ABC** **CMA Country Christmas** Country's biggest stars celebrate the holidays with songs and stories to warm your heart.
- HALL** Movie "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" (2008) Brooke Burns. A single mom who has lost all faith in Christmas finds answers when her uncle visits.
- LIFE** Movie "Welcome to the Christmas Family Reunion" (2021) Michelle Argyris. An event planner helps a rising singer plan her holiday family reunion.
- TBN** Hanukkah Special with Erick Stakelbeck
- 10 p.m.** **HALL** Movie "Reunited at Christmas" (2018) Beverly Breuer. A novelist and her boyfriend head to her late grandmother's house for Christmas.
- HMM** Movie "A Christmas for the Books" (2018) Chelsea Kane. A lifestyle guru is forced to prove she is also a romance expert.

## Tuesday, November 30

- 4 p.m.** **HALL** Movie "Good Morning Christmas!" (2020) Alison Sweeney. Two squabbling TV hosts are sent to a festive small town over Christmas.
- HMM** Movie "A Godwink Christmas: Meant for Love" (2019) Cindy Busby. Two strangers discover that both they and their families were meant to be intertwined.
- LIFE** Movie "Christmas on the Vine" (2020) Julianna Guill. A marketing executive goes back to her hometown to help a struggling family-owned winery.
- 6 p.m.** **HALL** Movie "The Nine Kittens of Christmas" (2021) Brandon Routh. Zachary and Marilee are reunited after being tasked with finding a home for some kittens.
- LIFE** Movie "Radio Christmas" (2019) Keshia Knight Pulliam. A DJ is forced to broadcast from a small town station.
- 7 p.m.** **OWN** **The Big Holiday Food Fight** The kitchen heats up as a legally blind cook takes on a father of four.
- 8 p.m.** **AMC** Movie "Scrooged" (1988) Bill Murray. A callous executive learns the true meaning of Christmas when he is visited by ghosts.
- HALL** Movie "Christmas CEO" (2021) A CEO is given an enormous offer, but needs her ex-husband's signature to close the deal.
- LIFE** Movie "Saying Yes to Christmas" (2021) Erika Prevost. A magical Christmas wish makes a career-obsessed June say 'Yes' to every invitation.
- 9 p.m.** **OWN** Movie "A Chestnut Family Christmas" (2021) A live-in chef accidentally commits to hosting her ambitious brothers for Christmas.
- 10 p.m.** **HALL** Movie "A Kiss Before Christmas" (2021) Jamie Denton. Ethan awakes to a new reality at Christmas, which may not be the life he was expecting.

## Wednesday, December 1,

- 4 p.m.** **FX** Movie "A Very Harold and Kumar Christmas" (2011) Kal Penn. Harold and Kumar find themselves in trouble when they burn down a prized Christmas tree.
- HMM** Movie "A Gingerbread Romance" (2018) Tia Mowry-Hardtrick. An architect and her team enter a contest to build a life-size gingerbread house.
- LIFE** Movie "A Very Charming Christmas Town" (2020) Natalie Hall. A travel blogger goes to the little town of Solvang for her next holiday vlog piece.
- 5:30 p.m.** **AMC** Movie "Fred Claus" (2007) Paul Giamatti. Santa bails his criminal brother out of jail and brings him to the North Pole.

## Wednesday, Dec. 1, on NBC



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One of New York City's most celebrated festive events kicks the holiday season off right this Wednesday, Dec. 1, on NBC. The 89th annual "Christmas in Rockefeller Center" airs live from the world famous Rockefeller Center in midtown Manhattan, spreading cheer to New Yorkers and viewers around the world. Since 1931 this event has shown the year's first illumination of the massive renowned tree, often a Norway Spruce.

- 5:50 p.m.** **FREE** Movie "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.
- 6 p.m.** **FX** Movie "The Night Before" (2015) Joseph Gordon-Levitt. Three friends hit the town on Christmas Eve as they bring an annual tradition to an end.
- HALL** Movie "If I Only Had Christmas" (2020) Candace Cameron. At Christmas, a cheerful publicist teams up with a cynical VP to help a charity in need.
- LIFE** Movie "Christmas on Ice" (2020) Abigail Klein. A former champion figure skater falls in love with an unlikely benefactor.
- 8 p.m.** **AMC** Movie "Four Christmases" (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.
- HALL** Movie "Making Spirits Bright" (2021) Taylor Cole. The son and daughter of rivaling holiday families help to mend their fathers' feud.
- LIFE** Movie "Match Made in Mistletoe" (2021) Natalie Lisinka. An ambassador and an interior decorator clash over design styles for a Christmas ball.
- NBC** **Christmas in Rockefeller Center** NBC heralds the arrival of the holidays with the lighting of the famous Christmas tree.

**OWN** Movie "A Chestnut Family Christmas" (2021) A live-in chef accidentally commits to hosting her ambitious brothers for Christmas.

- 10 p.m.** **AMC** Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
- HALL** Movie "The Christmas Contest" (2021) Candace Cameron. Two exes take part in a Christmas contest in order to win money for their charities.
- NBC** **Kelly Clarkson Presents: When Christmas Comes Around** Featuring new songs as well as a curated list of iconic classics from Kelly Clarkson.
- OWN** Movie "One Fine Christmas" (2019) Rick Fox. A woman has trouble adjusting to family life after her parents' divorce.
- 10:05 p.m.** **LIFE** Movie "Baking Spirits Bright" (2021) Rekha Sharma. A woman fights to hold on to the heart of the family company she loves.

## Thursday, December 2

- 4 p.m.** **HMM** Movie "Christmas With Holly" (2012) Sean Faris. A young girl asks for a mother for Christmas following the death of her mother.
- LIFE** Movie "The Christmas Setup" (2020) Ben Lewis. A lawyer heads home for the holidays and reconnects with his high school secret crush.
- 6 p.m.** **AMC** Movie "Four Christmases" (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.
- HALL** Movie "Nantucket Noel" (2021) Sarah Power. Christina discovers that a developer plans to tear down the wharf that houses her store.
- LIFE** Movie "Christmas on Wheels" (2020) Tiya Sircar. A woman decides to restore her mother's vintage red convertible to its former glory.
- 7 p.m.** **NICK** **Young Dylan** The family tries to make Dylan's first Christmas away from home special.
- 7:30 p.m.** **NICK** **That Girl Lay Lay** It's Lay Lay's first Christmas and she is joining in on the Alexander family traditions.
- 8 p.m.** **ABC** **Olaf's Frozen Adventure** Olaf and Sven search for the best traditions to bring home for Anna and Elsa's Christmas.
- AMC** Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
- HALL** Movie "Christmas in Tahoe" (2021) Laura Osnes. In order to save her family's Christmas show, Claire needs the help of her ex-boyfriend.
- HMM** Movie "Christmas at Grand Valley" (2018) Danica McKellar. An artist returns home to Grand Valley just in time for Christmas.
- LIFE** Movie "A Christmas Village Romance" (2020) Jeni Ross. A romance novelist sponsors a Christmas gala to help a struggling Pioneer Village.
- 8:20 p.m.** **FREE** Movie "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000) Jim Carrey. The Grinch disguises himself as Santa to steal Christmas from the people of Whoville.
- 8:30 p.m.** **ABC** **Toy Story That Time Forgot** Trixie the triceratops helps the gang to return to Bonnie's room.
- 10 p.m.** **HALL** Movie "An Unexpected Christmas" (2021) Bethany Joy Lenz. A writer and his ex-girlfriend make a deal in order to save his family's Christmas.
- HMM** Movie "Entertaining Christmas" (2018) Jodie Sweetin. A cookbook author's daughter is set to take over the family business.

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**10:05 p.m. LIFE** Movie "Once Upon a Main Street" (2020) Vanessa Lachey. A woman wants to open a shop, but discovers someone else also wants the property.

**10:15 p.m. AMC** Movie "The Polar Express" (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks. A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.

### Friday, December 3

**4:35 p.m. FREE** Movie "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000) Jim Carrey. The Grinch disguises himself as Santa to steal Christmas from the people of Whoville.

**6 p.m. HALL** Movie "Christmas at Castle Hart" (2021) Brooke goes to Ireland in search of her roots, and meets the charming Earl of Glaslough.

**HMM** Movie "A Blue Ridge Mountain Christmas" (2019) A hotel manager returns home to help her sister plan her wedding.

**LIFE** Movie "Match Made in Mistletoe" (2021) Natalie Lisinka. An ambassador and an interior decorator clash over design styles for a Christmas ball.

**7 p.m. NICK** The Patrick Star Show Patrick travels through time to find a last-minute Christmas gift for his family.

**7:15 p.m. FREE** Movie "The Santa Clause" (1994) Tim Allen. When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.

**NICK** Kamp Koral: SpongeBob's Under Years The children of Kamp Koral aren't quite sure what to make of Santa Claus.

**7:30 p.m. NICK** Middlemost Post When Santa gets injured, Parker, Angus, and Russell help finish his deliveries.

**TOON** Total DramaRama

**7:45 p.m. TOON** Total DramaRama

**8 p.m. DISN** Movie "Christmas...Again?!" (2021)

**HALL** Movie "Eight Gifts of Hanukkah" (2021) Inbar Lavi. Sara receives a gift from an anonymous suitor for each night of Hanukkah.

**HMM** Movie "The Christmas Promise" (2021) Torrey DeVitto. A woman learns to deal with grief with the help of her grandfather and a carpenter.

**9:25 p.m. FREE** Movie "The Santa Clause 2" (2002) Tim Allen. After being Santa Claus for a few years, Scott Calvin must find a wife and help his son.

**10:05 p.m. LIFE** Movie "You Make It Feel Like Christmas" (2021) Mary Antonini. A talented young designer is too busy to go home for the holidays.

### Saturday, December 4

**4 p.m. HALL** Movie "A Kiss Before Christmas" (2021) Jamie Denton. Ethan awakes to a new reality at Christmas, which may not be the life he was expecting.

**LIFE** Movie "Welcome to the Christmas Family Reunion" (2021) Michelle Argyris. An event planner helps a rising singer plan her holiday family reunion.

**OWN** Movie "A Chestnut Family Christmas" (2021) A live-in chef accidentally commits to hosting her ambitious brothers for Christmas.

**5 p.m. AMC** Movie "Four Christmases" (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.

**5:45 p.m. TCM** Movie "It Happened on Fifth Avenue" (1947) Don DeFore. While a family is away for Christmas, a hobo and his friends live in their mansion.

**6 p.m. FX** Movie "The Santa Clause" (1994) Tim Allen. When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.

## Sunday, Dec. 5, on FX



**B**enedict Cumberbatch and Angela Lansbury star in "The Grinch," a 2018 animated adaptation of the Dr. Seuss classic, airing Sunday, Dec. 5, on FX. While every Who loves Christmas, the Grinch does not, so when the townsfolk plan to have the brightest Christmas ever, he devises a plan to steal the holiday away for good.

**HALL** Movie "The Christmas Contest" (2021) Candace Cameron. Two exes take part in a Christmas contest in order to win money for their charities.

**HMM** Movie "Two Turtle Doves" (2019) Nikki DeLoach. A doctor returns to her hometown in search of a beloved family heirloom.

**LIFE** Movie "Miracle in Motor City" (2021) Tia Mowry. A woman promises to deliver a performance by Smokey Robinson at her church.

**OWN** Movie "A Christmas for Mary" (2020) Vivica A. Fox. A journalist has to wow her boss with a Christmas story for her magazine.

**TBS** Movie "A Christmas Story" (1983) Peter Billingsley. In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.

**6:05 p.m. FREE** Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town Kris Kringle overcomes an evil ruler and delivers toys to children all over the world.

**7 p.m. AMC** Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

**7:10 p.m. FREE** Frosty the Snowman Pursued by a greedy magician and rising temperatures, Frosty sets off for the North Pole.

**7:45 p.m. FREE** Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer A young reindeer and an elf search for a home where they will be accepted as they are.

**8 p.m. CW** Silent Night: A Song for the World A look at the creation and cultural impact of the song Silent Night, by Salzburg.

**FX** Movie "The Santa Clause 2" (2002) Tim Allen. After being Santa Claus for a few years, Scott Calvin must find a wife and help his son.

**HMM** Movie "One December Night" (2021) Eloise Mumford. Two music managers oversee the reunion of their rock star fathers with a fractured past.

**LIFE** Movie "Kirk Franklin's A Gospel Christmas" (2021) Demetria McKinney. A new pastor struggles to prepare the church choir for the Winter Jamboree.

**NBC** Movie "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946) James Stewart. An angel shows a suicidal banker how important he has been to the lives of others.

**TBS** Movie "A Christmas Story" (1983) Peter Billingsley. In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.

**8:50 p.m. FREE** Movie "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.

**9:15 p.m. AMC** Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

**9:25 p.m. DISN** Movie "Christmas...Again?!" (2021)

**10 p.m. FX** Movie "The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause" (2007) Tim Allen. Santa Claus prepares for a busy Christmas with his in-laws and the mischievous Jack Frost.

**HALL** Movie "Eight Gifts of Hanukkah" (2021) Inbar Lavi. Sara receives a gift from an anonymous suitor for each night of Hanukkah.

### Sunday, December 5

**4 p.m. HALL** Movie "The Nine Kittens of Christmas" (2021) Brandon Routh. Zachary and Marilee are reunited after being tasked with finding a home for some kittens.

**LIFE** Movie "Dancing Through the Snow" (2021) Colin Lawrence. A video of a single father and his young daughter doing a ballet routine goes viral.

**5 p.m. FREE** Frosty the Snowman Pursued by a greedy magician and rising temperatures, Frosty sets off for the North Pole.

**5:35 p.m. FREE** Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer A young reindeer and an elf search for a home where they will be accepted as they are.

**6 p.m. LIFE** Movie "Merry Little Christmas Baby" (2021) Kelly Rowland. With their family expanding, the Liddles are headed for a Christmas of merry mayhem.

**TCM** Movie "The Bishop's Wife" (1947) Cary Grant. An angel comes to Earth to help a bishop and his wife raise funds to build a new church.

**6:40 p.m. FREE** Movie "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.

**7 p.m. DISN** Movie "Home Alone: The Holiday Heist" (2012) Christian Martyn. A young boy sets up traps for ghosts, but catches a group of thieves instead.

**8 p.m. FX** Movie "The Grinch" (2018) Benedict Cumberbatch. A mean Grinch looking for peace and quiet hatches a nefarious plot to steal Christmas.

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**HALL** Movie "Sister Swap: A Hometown Holiday" (2021) Kimberly Williams-Paisley. Two sisters swap cities in order to pursue new projects during the Christmas season.

**LIFE** Movie "My Favorite Christmas Melody" (2021) A singer-songwriter finds new inspiration helping to save a high school arts program.

**9:30 p.m. CBS** A Home for the Holidays This entertainment special features uplifting stories of adoption from foster care.

**10 p.m. FX** Movie "The Grinch" (2018) Benedict Cumberbatch. A mean Grinch looking for peace and quiet hatches a nefarious plot to steal Christmas.

**HALL** Movie "Five Star Christmas" (2020) Bethany Joy Lenz. A family pretends to be guests at a B&B in hopes of a good review.

**HMM** Movie "Every Time a Bell Rings" (2021) Erin Cahill. Three estranged sisters take part in their father's Christmas scavenger hunt.

## Monday, December 6

**4 p.m. HALL** Movie "Christmas Made to Order" (2018) Alexa PenaVega. A Christmas amateur finds himself in charge of his family's holiday celebration.

**5 p.m. DISN** Movie "Home Alone: The Holiday Heist" (2012) Christian Martyn. A young boy sets up traps for ghosts, but catches a group of thieves instead.

**6 p.m. AMC** Movie "Scrooged" (1988) Bill Murray. A callous executive learns the true meaning of Christmas when he is visited by ghosts.

**HALL** Movie "Eight Gifts of Hanukkah" (2021) Inbar Lavi. Sara receives a gift from an anonymous suitor for each night of Hanukkah.

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**OXY** Homicide for the Holidays

**6:20 p.m. FREE** Movie "The Santa Clause" (1994) Tim Allen. When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.

**7 p.m. OXY** Homicide for the Holidays

**7:35 p.m. FXMovie** Movie "The Night Before" (2015) Joseph Gordon-Levitt. Three friends hit the town on Christmas Eve as they bring an annual tradition to an end.

**8 p.m. ABC** A Very Boy Band Holiday Members of your favorite boy bands song their holiday hits.

**AMC** Movie "Four Christmases" (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.

**HALL** Movie "A Nashville Christmas Carol" (2020) Jessy Schram. A television producer is forced to work with the man who broke her heart.

**HMM** Movie "Return to Christmas Creek" (2018) Tori Anderson. A woman must help her quarreling dad and uncle experience the true meaning of Christmas.

**8:30 p.m. FREE** Movie "The Santa Clause 2" (2002) Tim Allen. After being Santa Claus for a few years, Scott Calvin must find a wife and help his son.

**9:30 p.m. FXMovie** Movie "The Night Before" (2015) Joseph Gordon-Levitt. Three friends hit the town on Christmas Eve as they bring an annual tradition to an end.

**10 p.m. AMC** Movie "Fred Claus" (2007) Paul Giamatti. Santa bails his criminal brother out of jail and brings him to the North Pole.

**HALL** Movie "Christmas CEO" (2021) A CEO is given an enormous offer, but needs her ex-husband's signature to close the deal.

**NBC** Michael Buble's Christmas in the City Michael Bubl  presents the spirit of Christmas, all from Studio 8H in Rockefeller Center.

## Tuesday, Dec. 7, on AMC



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**N**icolas Cage stars as Jack Campbell, a single, wealthy broker who lives a fast-paced and luxurious lifestyle, in "The Family Man," airing Tuesday, Dec. 7, on AMC. One morning when Jack wakes up, he finds himself suddenly married with children, learning hands-on how important family can be. Tea Leoni also stars.

## Tuesday, December 7

**12:30 p.m. AMC** Movie "The Family Man" (2001) Nicolas Cage. A fast-lane money broker wakes up to find out how life could have been as a family man.

**4:10 p.m. FREE** Movie "Jingle All the Way" (1996) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A father frantically searches for a last-minute Christmas gift for his son.

**5 p.m. DISN** Movie "Christmas...Again?!" (2021)

**5:15 p.m. FXMovie** Movie "A Very Harold and Kumar Christmas" (2011) Kal Penn. Harold and Kumar find themselves in trouble when they burn down a prized Christmas tree.

**6 p.m. AMC** Movie "Four Christmases" (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.

**HMM** Movie "One December Night" (2021) Eloise Mumford. Two music managers oversee the reunion of their rock star fathers with a fractured past.

**OXY** Homicide for the Holidays

**6:15 p.m. FREE** Movie "A Christmas Carol" (2009) Voices of Jim Carrey. Spirits visit Ebenezer Scrooge and show him the errors of his ways by revisiting his life.

**7 p.m. OWN** The Big Holiday Food Fight

**OXY** Homicide for the Holidays

**8 p.m. HALL** Movie "Next Stop, Christmas" (2021) Lyndsy Fonseca. A woman is transported to her home town in the year 2011.

**HMM** Movie "Our Christmas Love Song" (2019) A country-singer is accused of plagiarizing her holiday single.

**LIFE** Movie "Christmas Movie Magic" (2021) Holly Deveaux. An entertainment writer covers the anniversary of a Christmas movie.

**OWN** The Big Holiday Food Fight

**TBN** A Joyous Hope With Jack Graham Dr. Jack Graham shares his Christmas Story message.

**TCM** Movie "The Shop Around the Corner" (1940) James Stewart. A pair of co-workers do not realize that they are each other's lonelyheart pen-pals.

**8:20 p.m. FREE** Movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000) Jim Carrey. A Grinch plans on stealing Christmas from the residents of Whoville, who love Christmas.

**9 p.m. OWN** Movie "A Sisterly Christmas" (2021)

**10 p.m. HALL** Movie "Christmas in Tahoe" (2021) Laura Osnes. In order to save her family's Christmas show, Claire needs the help of her ex-boyfriend.

**HMM** Movie "Holly and Ivy" (2020) A woman looks for a contractor so she can adopt her sick neighbor's kids.

## Wednesday, December 8

**4 p.m. HALL** Movie "A Crown for Christmas" (2015) Danica McKellar. A woman is fired from her job at a hotel and accepts a new job as governess to a girl.

**5 p.m. FREE** Movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000) Jim Carrey. A Grinch plans on stealing Christmas from the residents of Whoville, who love Christmas.

**6 p.m. HALL** Movie "A Royal Christmas" (2014) Stephen Hagan. A woman is whisked away to Europe when her boyfriend reveals he's actually a prince.

**OXY** Homicide for the Holidays

**7 p.m. OXY** Homicide for the Holidays

**7:30 p.m. FREE** Movie "The Grinch" (2018) Benedict Cumberbatch. A mean Grinch looking for peace and quiet hatches a nefarious plot to steal Christmas.

**8 p.m. AMC** Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

**CMT** CMT Crossroads Brett Young and his friends perform renditions of classic Christmas hits.

**CW** Christmas Around the World See how Christmas is celebrated around the world including traditions and dinners.

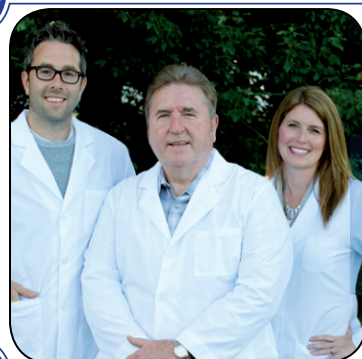
**LIFE** Movie "Christmas With a Crown" (2020) Teryl Rothery. A successful woman returns home to help out with her family's annual festival.

**TCM** Movie "The Bells of St. Mary's" (1945) Bing Crosby. A priest bickers with a strict nun while they both try to save a run-down boy's school.

**9 p.m. CMT** A Tennessee Kind of Christmas Country greats share holiday traditions and performances in and around Nashville.

**9:30 p.m. FREE** Movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas" (1993) Voices of Chris Sarandon. The scariest man in Halloween Town kidnaps Santa Claus and tries to take over Christmas.

**10 p.m. CMT** CMT Crossroads Brett Young and his friends perform renditions of classic Christmas hits.



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**HALL** Movie "Sister Swap: A Hometown Holiday" (2021) Kimberly Williams-Paisley. Two sisters swap cities in order to pursue new projects during the Christmas season.

**HMM** Movie "A Joyous Christmas" (2017) Natalie Knepp. A motivational speaker learns the meaning of Christmas when she is rescued by a stranger.

### Thursday, December 9

4 p.m. **HALL** Movie "Christmas Next Door" (2017) Jesse Metcalfe. The author, is left in charge of his young niece and nephew for the holidays.

**HMM** Movie "Christmas in Evergreen" (2017) Ashley Williams. A wish upon a snow globe for a romantic Christmas comes true.

4:40 p.m. **EWTN** Feasts With the Friar Father John teaches about the Advent wreath.

5:50 p.m. **FREE** Movie "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.

6 p.m. **HALL** Movie "Let It Snow" (2013) Candace Cameron Bure. An executive is conflicted when she is sent to turn a charming lodge into a modern resort.

**HMM** Movie "Charming Christmas" (2015) Julie Benz. A woman reluctantly agrees to play Mrs. Claus, but when she meets Santa, sparks fly.

**OXY** Homicide for the Holidays

7 p.m. **DISN** Movie "Christmas...Again?!" (2021)

**OXY** Homicide for the Holidays

7:30 p.m. **AMC** 'Twas the Night Before Christmas The citizens of a small town learn that Santa has struck their town off his delivery list.

8 p.m. **AMC** Movie "The Polar Express" (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks. A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.

**HALL** Movie "The Christmas Contest" (2021) Candace Cameron. Two exes take part in a Christmas contest in order to win money for their charities.

**HMM** Movie "A Merry Christmas Match" (2019) Ashley Newbrough. A woman has a chance encounter with a "Christmas Catch Ryder" and sparks fly.

**TBN** Michael W. Smith and Friends Christmas Michael W. Smith hosts a holiday music special.

9 p.m. **STARZ** Movie "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.

10 p.m. **HALL** Movie "Christmas by Starlight" (2020) Paul Campbell. A family's beloved eatery, The Starlight Café, is slated for demolition before Christmas.

**HMM** Movie "Every Time a Bell Rings" (2021) Erin Cahill. Three estranged sisters take part in their father's Christmas scavenger hunt.

### Friday, December 10

4 p.m. **FX** Movie "The Night Before" (2015) Joseph Gordon-Levitt. Three friends hit the town on Christmas Eve as they bring an annual tradition to an end.

**HALL** Movie "A Christmas Together With You" (2021) Laura Vandervoort. Megan and her father figure, Frank, decide to take a holiday road trip together.

**HMM** Movie "A Christmas Melody" (2015) Lacey Chabert. A single mother moves back to her hometown to start life anew with her young daughter.

## Saturday, Dec. 11, on Lifetime



Lifetime

Viewers will want to snuggle up for a cozy Christmas romance when "The Holiday Fix Up" premieres Saturday, Dec. 11, on Lifetime. When interior designer Sam (Jana Kramer) returns to her hometown for the holidays to help renovate the Bell Harbor Inn, she is paired up to work with contractor Coop (Ryan McPartlin). The problem is that years ago he broke her heart, and she's the one that got away.

4:10 p.m. **FREE** Movie "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.

6 p.m. **AMC** Movie "The Polar Express" (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks. A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.

**FX** Movie "A Very Harold and Kumar Christmas" (2011) Kal Penn. Harold and Kumar find themselves in trouble when they burn down a prized Christmas tree.

**HALL** Movie "A Kiss Before Christmas" (2021) Jamie Denton. Ethan awakes to a new reality at Christmas, which may not be the life he was expecting.

**HMM** Movie "Return to Christmas Creek" (2018) Tori Anderson. A woman must help her quarreling dad and uncle experience the true meaning of Christmas.

7 p.m. **NICK** SpongeBob SquarePants SpongeBob and his pals journey to the North Pole to give Santa a present.

7:30 p.m. **NICK** Rugrats The Pickles have to juggle their family traditions to make sure each feels important.

8 p.m. **AMC** Movie "Four Christmases" (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.

**CW** Penn & Teller: Merry Fool Us The magical duo of Penn and Teller kick off the Christmas season with new magicians.

**DISN** Movie "Arthur Christmas" (2011) James McAvoy. Santa's son wants to use his father's workshop for an urgent mission on Christmas night.

**HALL** Movie "A Dickens of a Holiday!" (2021) Brooke D'Orsay. A woman invites an action star to play Scrooge in a festival's "A Christmas Carol".

**LIFE** Movie "Holiday in Santa Fe" (2021) Sparks fly when an executive moves in to buy out a family Christmas ornament business.

**NICK** The Casagrandes Ronnie Anne and her skater pals must battle for the gym space by playing dodgeball.

9:20 p.m. **FREE** Movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000) Jim Carrey. A Grinch plans on stealing Christmas from the residents of Whoville, who love Christmas.

10 p.m. **AMC** Movie "Four Christmases" (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.

**HMM** Movie "A Godwink Christmas" (2018) Kathie Lee Gifford. Two people find their paths continuing to cross over the holidays at Martha's Vineyard.

### Saturday, December 11

4 p.m. **HALL** Movie "Christmas in Tahoe" (2021) Laura Osnes. In order to save her family's Christmas show, Claire needs the help of her ex-boyfriend.

**HMM** Movie "The Christmas Ring" (2020) Nazneen Contractor. A reporter searches for the love story behind an antique engagement ring.

5:30 p.m. **FX** Movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000) Jim Carrey. A Grinch plans on stealing Christmas from the residents of Whoville, who love Christmas.

6 p.m. **HALL** Movie "Christmas Under Wraps" (2014) Candace Cameron Bure. A woman loses her job and beau on the same day, and reluctantly accepts a job in Alaska.

**HMM** Movie "A Godwink Christmas: Meant for Love" (2019) Cindy Busby. Two strangers discover that both they and their families were meant to be intertwined.

8 p.m. **AMC** Movie "Scrooged" (1988) Bill Murray. A callous executive learns the true meaning of Christmas when he is visited by ghosts.

**BET** Movie "Christmas Deja Vu" (2021) Loretta Devine. A woman, who hates Christmas, is granted a wish to be a singer.

**CW** Movie "The Waltons' Homecoming" (2021) Bellamy Young. John Boy sets out to find John Sr. who gets lost in a storm on his way back for Christmas.

**DISN** Movie "A Christmas Carol" (2009) Voices of Jim Carrey. Spirits visit Ebenezer Scrooge and show him the errors of his ways by revisiting his life.

**FX** Movie "The Grinch" (2018) Benedict Cumberbatch. A mean Grinch looking for peace and quiet hatches a nefarious plot to steal Christmas.

**GAC** Movie "A Christmas Miracle for Daisy" Jill Wagner. An interior designer is bemused to meet her ex when she starts a project in her hometown.

**HALL** Movie "A Royal Queens Christmas" (2021) Megan Park. A woman from Queens enlists a prince to help with a local children's Christmas show.

**LIFE** Movie "The Holiday Fix Up" (2021) Jana Kramer. Sparks fly when old flames are reunited to renovate an inn in time for Christmas.




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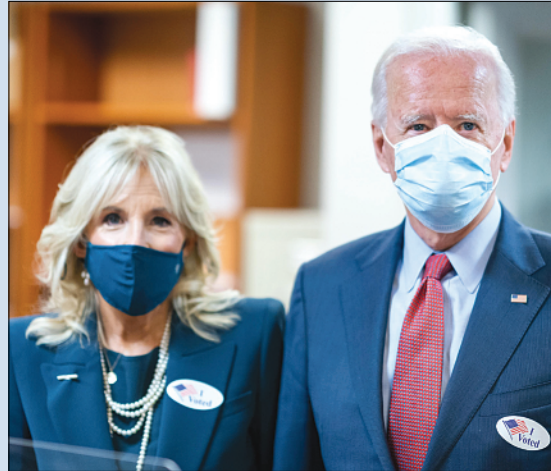


- TBS** **Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas** The story of the Grinch, who decides to steal Christmas from the citizens of Whoville.
- 8:30 p.m.** **TBS** **Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas** The story of the Grinch, who decides to steal Christmas from the citizens of Whoville.
- 9 p.m.** **TBS** **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) Peter Billingsley. In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.
- 10 p.m.** **FX** **Movie "The Grinch"** (2018) Benedict Cumberbatch. A mean Grinch looking for peace and quiet hatches a nefarious plot to steal Christmas.
- HALL** **Movie "Christmas at Castle Hart"** (2021) Brooke goes to Ireland in search of her roots, and meets the charming Earl of Glaslough.
- HMM** **Movie "A Godwink Christmas: Miracle of Love"** (2021) Katherine Barrell. Two people find a new purpose at Christmas through community service.

## Sunday, December 12

- 4 p.m.** **HALL** **Movie "Christmas CEO"** (2021) A CEO is given an enormous offer, but needs her ex-husband's signature to close the deal.
- HMM** **Movie "Two Turtle Doves"** (2019) Nikki DeLoach. A doctor returns to her hometown in search of a beloved family heirloom.
- ION** **Movie "Merry Kissmas"** (2015) Karissa Staples. A woman happens to fall for a handsome man with whom she shares a magical kiss.
- TBN** **God Came Near** The most important event in history is brought to life in this retelling of the Nativity.
- 4:15 p.m.** **TCM** **Movie "Christmas in Connecticut"** (1945) Barbara Stanwyck. A promotional stunt threatens to expose a columnist's fictitious housekeeping skills.
- 5:15 p.m.** **FREE** **Movie "The Santa Clause"** (1994) Tim Allen. When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.
- 5:30 p.m.** **FX** **Movie "Home Alone"** (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.
- 6 p.m.** **HALL** **Movie "Sister Swap: A Hometown Holiday"** (2021) Kimberly Williams-Paisley. Two sisters swap cities in order to pursue new projects during the Christmas season.
- HGTV** **White House Christmas 2021** Go behind the scenes to showcase the White House's magnificent holiday transformation.
- HMM** **Movie "A Godwink Christmas: Miracle of Love"** (2021) Katherine Barrell. Two people find a new purpose at Christmas through community service.
- ION** **Movie "A Christmas in Vermont"** (2016) Abigail Hawk. A woman is sent by her profit-obsessed boss to shut down one of the company's holdings.
- 6:15 p.m.** **TCM** **Movie "Remember the Night"** (1940) Barbara Stanwyck. A shoplifter's life is changed when she is placed in a compassionate lawyer's care.
- 7 p.m.** **AMC** **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
- 7:25 p.m.** **FREE** **Movie "The Santa Clause 2"** (2002) Tim Allen. After being Santa Claus for a few years, Scott Calvin must find a wife and help his son.
- 8 p.m.** **FX** **Movie "The Grinch"** (2018) Benedict Cumberbatch. A mean Grinch looking for peace and quiet hatches a nefarious plot to steal Christmas.

## Sunday, Dec. 12, on HGTV



**H**GTV's annual extra-special presidential television event is back: **"White House Christmas 2021"** airs Sunday, Dec. 12, on the network. Viewers find out exactly what it takes to get America's most important house holiday ready, from the spectacular Blue Room tree to room-by-room decorations and the legendary gingerbread house.

**GAC** **Movie "The Christmas Star"**

**HALL** **Movie "Sister Swap: Christmas in the City"** (2021) Ashley Williams. Two sisters decide to swap cities to pursue new projects for the holiday season.

**HMM** **Movie "A Little Christmas Charm"** (2020) Ashley Greene. When a woman finds a lost charm bracelet she sets out to find the rightful owner.

**LIFE** **Movie "People Presents: Blending Christmas"** (2021) Haylie Duff. A couple questions their relationship after bring their families together for Christmas.

**8:40 p.m.** **DISN** **Movie "Good Luck Charlie, It's Christmas!"** (2011) Bridgit Mendler. The Duncans get separated en route to Palm Springs and scramble to get reunited.

**9 p.m.** **CW** **Greatest Holiday Commercials Countdown** The top 12 best holiday commercials will be counted down.

**9:15 p.m.** **AMC** **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

**9:45 p.m.** **FX** **Movie "The Grinch"** (2018) Benedict Cumberbatch. A mean Grinch looking for peace and quiet hatches a nefarious plot to steal Christmas.

**9:55 p.m.** **FREE** **Movie "The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause"** (2007) Tim Allen. Santa Claus prepares for a busy Christmas with his in-laws and the mischievous Jack Frost.

**10 p.m.** **HMM** **Movie "Christmas in My Heart"** (2021) Heather Hemmens. A concert violinist tutors the daughter of a reclusive country music star.

**HALL** **Movie "A Royal Queens Christmas"** (2021) Megan Park. A woman from Queens enlists a prince to help with a local children's Christmas show.

## Monday, December 13

**4 p.m.** **FREE** **Movie "The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause"** (2007) Tim Allen. Santa Claus prepares for a busy Christmas with his in-laws and the mischievous Jack Frost.

**HALL** **Movie "Let It Snow"** (2013) Candace Cameron Bure. An executive is conflicted when she is sent to turn a charming lodge into a modern resort.

**6 p.m.** **FREE** **Movie "Home Alone"** (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.

**HALL** **Movie "Christmas She Wrote"** (2020) Danica McKellar. A romance writer has her column canceled right before Christmas.

**HMM** **Movie "Entertaining Christmas"** (2018) Jodie Sweetin. A cookbook author's daughter is set to take over the family business.

**6:40 p.m.** **DISN** **Movie "Christmas...Again?!"** (2021)

**6:45 p.m.** **AMC** **Movie "The Year Without a Santa Claus"** (1974) Voices of Shirley Booth. Mrs. Claus tells the story of the year that Santa Claus decided to take a holiday.

**8 p.m.** **AMC** **Movie "The Polar Express"** (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks. A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.

**HALL** **Movie "The Christmas House"** (2020) Robert Buckley. A TV star's parents ask him to bring back a revered family tradition.

**LIFE** **Movie "Maps and Mistletoe"** (2021) Humberly González. A cartographer and a polar explorer work together to create a North Pole treasure map.

**10 p.m.** **AMC** **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

**HALL** **Movie "Next Stop, Christmas"** (2021) Lyndsy Fonseca. A woman is transported to her home town in the year 2011.

**HMM** **Movie "Christmas on Honeysuckle Lane"** (2018) Alicia Witt. A sister is in charge of selling their recently deceased parents' home.

## Tuesday, December 14

**4 p.m.** **HALL** **Movie "Christmas by Starlight"** (2020) Paul Campbell. A family's beloved eatery, The Starlight Café, is slated for demolition before Christmas.

**6 p.m.** **AMC** **Movie "The Polar Express"** (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks. A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.

**HALL** **Movie "A Crown for Christmas"** (2015) Danica McKellar. A woman is fired from her job at a hotel and accepts a new job as governess to a girl.

**HMM** **Movie "Christmas in My Heart"** (2021) Heather Hemmens. A concert violinist tutors the daughter of a reclusive country music star.

**8 p.m.** **AMC** **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

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**FX** Movie "The Grinch" (2018) Benedict Cumberbatch. A mean Grinch looking for peace and quiet hatches a nefarious plot to steal Christmas.

**HALL** Movie "Christmas With the Darlings" (2020) Katrina Law. A woman is drawn into helping the younger brother of her wealthy boss during Christmas.

**HMM** Movie "Christmas With Holly" (2012) Sean Faris. A young girl asks for a mother for Christmas following the death of her mother.

**LIFE** Movie "Ghosts of Christmas Past" (2021) Annie Clark. A woman must track down all of her past slighted loves by midnight on Christmas Eve.

**9 p.m.** **HGTV** Fixer to Fabulous Dave and Jenny gift an animal shelter near their hometown with a very special renovation.

**OWN** Movie "A Christmas Stray" (2021)

**10 p.m.** **FX** Movie "The Grinch" (2018) Benedict Cumberbatch. A mean Grinch looking for peace and quiet hatches a nefarious plot to steal Christmas.

**HMM** Movie "Christmas Bells are Ringing" (2018) Emillie Ullerup. A woman returns to Cape Cod for the first time after her mother's death and falls in love.

### Wednesday, December 15

**4 p.m.** **HALL** Movie "The Christmas Contest" (2021) Candace Cameron. Two exes take part in a Christmas contest in order to win money for their charities.

**HMM** Movie "Return to Christmas Creek" (2018) Tori Anderson. A woman must help her quarreling dad and uncle experience the true meaning of Christmas.

**6 p.m.** **FX** Movie "The Night Before" (2015) Joseph Gordon-Levitt. Three friends hit the town on Christmas Eve as they bring an annual tradition to an end.

**HALL** Movie "One Royal Holiday" (2020) Laura Osnes. A woman offers stranded family a place to stay during a blizzard.

**HMM** Movie "A Godwink Christmas: Miracle of Love" (2021) Katherine Barrell. Two people find a new purpose at Christmas through community service.

**6:15 p.m.** **FREE** Movie "The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause" (2007) Tim Allen. Santa Claus prepares for a busy Christmas with his in-laws and the mischievous Jack Frost.

**8 p.m.** **AMC** Movie "Four Christmases" (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.

**CW** iHeartRadio Jingle Ball Celebrate the season with performances by the year's biggest recording artists.

**HALL** Movie "A Dickens of a Holiday!" (2021) Brooke D'Orsay. A woman invites an action star to play Scrooge in a festival's "A Christmas Carol".

**HMM** Movie "Every Time a Bell Rings" (2021) Erin Cahill. Three estranged sisters take part in their father's Christmas scavenger hunt.

**LIFE** Movie "The Enchanted Christmas Cake" (2021) Erica Durance. A struggling bakery owner helps a high-end chef shoot a Christmas special.

**USA** Movie "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946) James Stewart. An angel shows a suicidal banker how important he has been to the lives of others.

**8:20 p.m.** **FREE** Movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000) Jim Carrey. A Grinch plans on stealing Christmas from the residents of Whoville, who love Christmas.

**9:30 p.m.** **NBC** A Very Chrisley Christmas After a series of holiday hijinks, the Chrisley family needs a Christmas miracle.

### Wednesday, Dec. 15, on CW



CW/Pixie Levinson for iHeartRadio

Some of this year's biggest recording artists gather to celebrate the holiday season in the 2021 "iHeartRadio Jingle Ball," airing Wednesday, Dec. 15, on CW. This 90-minute holiday music event celebrates the season with special festive performances by popular singers Ed Sheeran, Dua Lipa, Jonas Brothers, Doja Cat, Lil Nas X, Megan Thee Stallion and more.

**10 p.m.** **AMC** Movie "Fred Claus" (2007) Paul Giamatti. Santa bails his criminal brother out of jail and brings him to the North Pole.

**HALL** Movie "Sister Swap: Christmas in the City" (2021) Ashley Williams. Two sisters decide to swap cities to pursue new projects for the holiday season.

**NBC** Kelly Clarkson Presents: When Christmas Comes Around Featuring new songs as well as a curated list of iconic classics from Kelly Clarkson.

### Thursday, December 16

**4 p.m.** **HALL** Movie "Christmas at Castle Hart" (2021) Brooke goes to Ireland in search of her roots, and meets the charming Earl of Glaslough.

**SHOW** Movie "Reindeer Games" (2000) Ben Affleck. An ex-convict assumes his old cellmate's identity to meet his gorgeous girlfriend.

**6 p.m.** **AMC** Movie "Four Christmases" (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.

**FREE** Movie "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.

**HALL** Movie "Christmas CEO" (2021) A CEO is given an enormous offer, but needs her ex-husband's signature to close the deal.

**8 p.m.** **AMC** Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

**HALL** Movie "A Royal Queens Christmas" (2021) Megan Park. A woman from Queens enlists a prince to help with a local children's Christmas show.

**HMM** Movie "A Dream of Christmas" (2016) Nikki DeLoach. A restless young married woman's wish is granted a wish by a Christmas angel.

**LIFE** Movie "Christmas by Chance" (2020) Neil Whitely. A struggling shop owner is approached by a man looking to plan the perfect proposal.

**9 p.m.** **HIST** Voices Magnified: Variety's Salute to Service The incredible stories of veterans who have sacrificed for their country are highlighted.

**10 p.m.** **HALL** Movie "A Kiss Before Christmas" (2021) Jamie Denton. Ethan awakes to a new reality at Christmas, which may not be the life he was expecting.

**10:15 p.m.** **AMC** Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

### Friday, December 17

**4 p.m.** **HALL** Movie "Good Morning Christmas!" (2020) Alison Sweeney. Two squabbling TV hosts are sent to a festive small town over Christmas.

**HMM** Movie "Christmas at Graceland" (2018) Wes Brown. A woman and her kids head to Graceland, where she bumps into an old flame.

**5 p.m.** **EWTN** Reclaiming the Carol Charles Dickens returns to find Christmas is commercialized.

**5:10 p.m.** **FREE** Movie "The Santa Clause" (1994) Tim Allen. When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.

**6 p.m.** **AMC** Movie "Scrooged" (1988) Bill Murray. A callous executive learns the true meaning of Christmas when he is visited by ghosts.

**HALL** Movie "A Timeless Christmas" (2020) Erin Cahill. A man travels from 1903 to 2020 where he experiences a 21st Century Christmas.

**HMM** Movie "A Christmas for the Books" (2018) Chelsea Kane. A lifestyle guru is forced to prove she is also a romance expert.

**6:30 p.m.** **EWTN** The Promise The events relating to the Annunciation and birth of Christ are illustrated.

**7:20 p.m.** **FREE** Movie "The Santa Clause 2" (2002) Tim Allen. After being Santa Claus for a few years, Scott Calvin must find a wife and help his son.

**8 p.m.** **AMC** Movie "The Polar Express" (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks. A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.

**CW** The 89th Annual Hollywood Christmas Parade Coverage of the Hollywood Christmas Parade with celebrities, movie cars and more.

**DISN** Movie "The Star" (2017) Steven Yeun. A donkey and his animal friends follow a star and become heroes in the first Christmas.

**HMM** Movie "A Gingerbread Romance" (2018) Tia Mowry-Hardict. An architect and her team enter a contest to build a life-size gingerbread house.

**LIFE** Movie "Mistletoe in Montana" (2021) Melissa Joan Hart. Romance is in the air for a ranch owner and a single father.



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- 9:50 p.m. FREE** Movie "The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause" (2007) Tim Allen. Santa Claus prepares for a busy Christmas with his in-laws and the mischievous Jack Frost.
- 10 p.m. HMM** Movie "A Veteran's Christmas" (2018) Eloise Mumford. When a veteran returns home, she meets and falls in love with a judge.
- HALL** Movie "A Holiday in Harlem" (2021) Olivia Washington. A business executive is known for avoiding Christmas in her childhood neighborhood.

## Saturday, December 18

- 4 p.m. HALL** Movie "A Royal Queens Christmas" (2021) Megan Park. A woman from Queens enlists a prince to help with a local children's Christmas show.
- HMM** Movie "Holly and Ivy" (2020) A woman looks for a contractor so she can adopt her sick neighbor's kids.
- 4:40 p.m. STARZ** Movie "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.
- 5 p.m. AMC** Movie "The Polar Express" (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks. A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.
- DISN** Toy Story That Time Forgot Trixie the triceratops helps the gang to return to Bonnie's room.
- 5:35 p.m. FREE** Movie "The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause" (2007) Tim Allen. Santa Claus prepares for a busy Christmas with his in-laws and the mischievous Jack Frost.
- 6 p.m. DISN** Movie "The Star" (2017) Steven Yeun. A donkey and his animal friends follow a star and become heroes in the first Christmas.
- HALL** Movie "An Unexpected Christmas" (2021) Bethany Joy Lenz. A writer and his ex-girlfriend make a deal in order to save his family's Christmas.
- 6:15 p.m. TCM** Movie "Holiday Affair" (1949) Robert Mitchum. A man offers to buy a model train set for a boy whose mother cannot afford it.
- 7 p.m. AMC** Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
- TNT** Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas The story of the Grinch, who decides to steal Christmas from the citizens of Whoville.
- 7:30 p.m. DISN** Movie "Mickey's Once Upon a Christmas" (1999) Wayne Allwine. Donald Duck and his nephews wish for Christmas every day. Goofy shows Christmas spirit.
- 7:40 p.m. FREE** Movie "The Grinch" (2018) Benedict Cumberbatch. A mean Grinch looking for peace and quiet hatches a nefarious plot to steal Christmas.
- 7:45 p.m. FXMovie** Movie "Almost Christmas" (2016) Kimberly Elise. After the death of his wife, a man asks his family for one gift: for them to get along.
- 8 p.m. CW** Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer On Christmas Eve, a boy sets out to find his grandmother who mysteriously disappeared.
- EWTN** A Time to Remember The Christmas story of a boy who develops his singing with a priest.
- FX** Movie "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.
- GAC** Movie "When Hope Calls Christmas" Lori Loughlin. People of Brookefield come together to celebrate Christmas.

## Sunday, Dec. 19, on HGTV



**M**aster woodworker Ben Napier shares his expertise in "Ben's Holiday Workshop," the new special airing Sunday, Dec. 19, on HGTV. Ben makes special holiday-themed projects with father-daughter duo Captain Sig and Mandy Hanson from "Deadliest Catch," as well as "Design Star: Next Gen" host Allison Holker Boss and her dancer/TV personality husband Stephen "tWitch" Boss.

- HALL** Movie "The Christmas House 2: Deck the Halls" (2021) Robert Buckley. A man is roped into a house decorating TV show and is pitted against his brother.
- LIFE** Movie "Toying With the Holidays" (2021) Chad Michael Murray. A single mother and an old classmate work to get a Christmas train running again.
- 8:40 p.m. DISN** Movie "Mickey's Twice Upon a Christmas" (2004) Voices of Wayne Allwine. Mickey, Minnie and Santa Claus attempt to teach Donald the true meaning of Christmas.
- 9:15 p.m. AMC** Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
- 9:30 p.m. TNT** Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas The story of the Grinch, who decides to steal Christmas from the citizens of Whoville.
- 9:40 p.m. FREE** Movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000) Jim Carrey. A Grinch plans on stealing Christmas from the residents of Whoville, who love Christmas.
- 10 p.m. EWTN** Christmas With Collin Raye Featuring Andrea Thomas Country music star Collin Raye and Andre Thomas perform cherished Christmas songs.

**FXMovie** Movie "Almost Christmas" (2016) Kimberly Elise. After the death of his wife, a man asks his family for one gift: for them to get along.

## Sunday, December 19

- 4 p.m. HALL** Movie "The Christmas House" (2020) Robert Buckley. A TV star's parents ask him to bring back a revered family tradition.
- HMM** Movie "A Godwink Christmas: Meant for Love" (2019) Cindy Busby. Two strangers discover that both they and their families were meant to be intertwined.
- TON** Movie "Three Holiday Tails" (2011) Julie Gonzalo. Retirees play matchmaker with their neighbor and her ex-husband.
- TBN** Max Lucado: Christmas Stories
- 4:10 p.m. FREE** Movie "The Grinch" (2018) Benedict Cumberbatch. A mean Grinch looking for peace and quiet hatches a nefarious plot to steal Christmas.
- 5 p.m. TBN** Max Lucado: Christmas Stories
- 5:30 p.m. AMC** Movie "Fred Claus" (2007) Paul Giamatti. Santa bails his criminal brother out of jail and brings him to the North Pole.
- 6 p.m. HALL** Movie "The Christmas House 2: Deck the Halls" (2021) Robert Buckley. A man is roped into a house decorating TV show and is pitted against his brother.
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- 8 p.m. AMC** Movie "Four Christmases" (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.
- GAC** Movie "Joy for Christmas" Cindy Busby. A publicist hopes a famous football player will help her family's annual charity.
- HALL** Movie "Tis the Season to be Merry" (2021) Rachel Leigh Cook. A woman travels to Vermont for her book, where she begins to find a new perspective.
- HGTV** Home Town: Ben's Workshop Ben welcomes Captain Sig and Mandy Hansen to make special wood creations.
- HMM** Movie "Once Upon a Christmas Miracle" (2018) Aimee Teegarden. A woman falls in love with her liver donor; their story's followed over three Christmases.
- TON** Movie "A Dogwalker's Christmas Tale" (2015) Jonathan Bennett. A spoiled college student is forced to take a job over the holidays walking family's dog.
- LIFE** Movie "Under the Christmas Tree" (2021) Elise Bauman. A couple finds romance under the town Christmas tree.
- 8:30 p.m. EWTN** Keep Christ in Christmas Go behind the scenes of the making of 'Santa's Priority,' a Christmas evangelical.
- 9 p.m. CMT** CMT Crossroads Brett Young and his friends perform renditions of classic Christmas hits.
- 10 p.m. AMC** Movie "Four Christmases" (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.
- CMT** A Tennessee Kind of Christmas Country greats share holiday traditions and performances in and around Nashville.
- TON** Movie "A Puppy for Christmas" (2016) Cindy Busby. A woman at a crossroads in her life gets herself a puppy for Christmas.



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**HALL** Movie "If I Only Had Christmas" (2020) Candace Cameron. At Christmas, a cheerful publicist teams up with a cynical VP to help a charity in need.

**10:15 p.m. TCM** Movie "Holly and Ivy" (2020) A woman looks for a contractor so she can adopt her sick neighbor's kids.

## Monday, December 20

**4 p.m. HALL** Movie "'Tis the Season to be Merry" (2021) Rachel Leigh Cook. A woman travels to Vermont for her book, where she begins to find a new perspective.

**HMM** Movie "Journey Back to Christmas" (2016) Candace Cameron Bure. A WWII-era nurse is transported in time to 2016, and learns the true meaning of Christmas.

**4:40 p.m. FREE** Frosty the Snowman Pursued by a greedy magician and rising temperatures, Frosty sets off for the North Pole.

**5:15 p.m. FREE** Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer A young reindeer and an elf search for a home where they will be accepted as they are.

**6 p.m. FX** Movie "A Very Harold and Kumar Christmas" (2011) Kal Penn. Harold and Kumar find themselves in trouble when they burn down a prized Christmas tree.

**HMM** Movie "The Christmas Ring" (2020) Nazneen Contractor. A reporter searches for the love story behind an antique engagement ring.

**6:20 p.m. FREE** Movie "The Santa Clause" (1994) Tim Allen. When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.

**8 p.m. AMC** Movie "Scrooged" (1988) Bill Murray. A callous executive learns the true meaning of Christmas when he is visited by ghosts.

**HALL** Movie "Sister Swap: Christmas in the City" (2021) Ashley Williams. Two sisters decide to swap cities to pursue new projects for the holiday season.

**8:30 p.m. FREE** Movie "The Santa Clause 2" (2002) Tim Allen. After being Santa Claus for a few years, Scott Calvin must find a wife and help his son.

**9 p.m. BET** Movie "Christmas Deja Vu" (2021) Loretta Devine. A woman, who hates Christmas, is granted a wish to be a singer.

**10 p.m. AMC** Movie "Fred Claus" (2007) Paul Giamatti. Santa bails his criminal brother out of jail and brings him to the North Pole.

## Tuesday, December 21

**4 p.m. FREE** Movie "A Christmas Carol" (2009) Voices of Jim Carrey. Spirits visit Ebenezer Scrooge and show him the errors of his ways by revisiting his life.

**HALL** Movie "One Royal Holiday" (2020) Laura Osnes. A woman offers stranded family a place to stay during a blizzard.

**HMM** Movie "The Christmas Card" (2006) Edward Asner. Moved by an anonymous Christmas card, a military captain searches for the sender.

**5 p.m. BET** Movie "A Madea Christmas" (2013) Chad Michael Murray. Madea gets roped into helping a friend surprise her daughter with a visit to the country.

**EVTN** Keep Christ in Christmas Go behind the scenes of the making of 'Santa's Priority,' a Christmas evangelism commercial.

**5:45 p.m. AMC** 'Twas the Night Before Christmas The citizens of a small town learn that Santa has struck their town off his delivery list.

**6 p.m. FREE** Movie "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.

## Tuesday, Dec. 21, on Freeform



Director Robert Zemeckis and actor Jim Carrey bring the timeless Dickens classic to life like never before in this computer-animated adaptation of "A Christmas Carol," airing Tuesday, Dec. 21, on Freeform. On Christmas Eve, three ghosts visit the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge (Carrey) with a message. Gary Oldman and Colin Firth also star.

**FX** Movie "The Santa Clause" (1994) Tim Allen. When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.

**HALL** Movie "A Dickens of a Holiday!" (2021) Brooke D'Orsay. A woman invites an action star to play Scrooge in a festival's "A Christmas Carol".

**HMM** Movie "A Boyfriend for Christmas" (2004) Kelli Williams. A girl asks Santa for a boyfriend for Christmas, and her wish comes true years later.

**6:15 p.m. AMC** Frosty's Winter Wonderland The children build Frosty a companion out of snow after noticing how sad he has become.

**6:45 p.m. AMC** Movie "The Year Without a Santa Claus" (1974) Voices of Shirley Booth. Mrs. Claus tells the story of the year that Santa Claus decided to take a holiday.

**8 p.m. AMC** Movie "The Polar Express" (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks. A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.

**FX** Movie "The Santa Clause 2" (2002) Tim Allen. After being Santa Claus for a few years, Scott Calvin must find a wife and help his son.

**HMM** Movie "One December Night" (2021) Eloise Mumford. Two music managers oversee the reunion of their rock star fathers with a fractured past.

**TFC** Movie "The Night Before" (2015) Joseph Gordon-Levitt. Three friends hit the town on Christmas Eve as they bring an annual tradition to an end.

**LIFE** Movie "The Christmas Ball" (2020) Deirdre Mullins. A woman visiting her aunt's manor in England for the holidays meets a handsome historian.

**TCM** Movie "Meet Me in St. Louis" (1944) Judy Garland. A man's family members oppose moving from turn-of-the-century St. Louis to New York.

**8:15 p.m. SHOW** Movie "Reindeer Games" (2000) Ben Affleck. An ex-convict assumes his old cellmate's identity to meet his gorgeous girlfriend.

**9 p.m. CW** Greatest Holiday Commercials Countdown The top 12 best holiday commercials will be counted down.

**NBC** A Saturday Night Live Christmas Special Santa brings the laughs as 'SNL' goes into the time capsule for Christmas-themed sketches.

**10 p.m. AMC** Movie "Four Christmases" (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.

**FX** Movie "The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause" (2007) Tim Allen. Santa Claus prepares for a busy Christmas with his in-laws and the mischievous Jack Frost.

**HALL** Movie "The Christmas House 2: Deck the Halls" (2021) Robert Buckley. A man is roped into a house decorating TV show and pitted against his brother.

**HMM** Movie "A Christmas for the Books" (2018) Chelsea Kane. A lifestyle guru is forced to prove she is also a romance expert.

## Wednesday, December 22

**4 p.m. HALL** Movie "A Very Merry Mix-Up" (2013) Alicia Witt. A woman forms a bond with a family that she is accidentally landed with over the holidays.

**HMM** Movie "Every Time a Bell Rings" (2021) Erin Cahill. Three estranged sisters take part in their father's Christmas scavenger hunt.

**6 p.m. AMC** Movie "Four Christmases" (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.

**BET** Movie "The Best Man Holiday" (2013) Monica Calhoun. Old rivalries and old flames are rekindled when a group of friends reunite.

**7:15 p.m. FREE** Movie "The Santa Clause" (1994) Tim Allen. When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.

**8 p.m. AMC** Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

**CW** Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer On Christmas Eve, a boy sets out to find his grandmother who mysteriously disappeared.

**LIFE** Movie "It Takes a Christmas Village" (2021) Brooke Nevins. A mayor must work with the town recluse to get a Christmas Market off the ground.

**NBC** Movie "The Grinch" (2018) Benedict Cumberbatch. A mean Grinch looking for peace and quiet hatches a nefarious plot to steal Christmas.

**TCM** Movie "Christmas in Connecticut" (1945) Barbara Stanwyck. A promotional stunt threatens to expose a columnist's fictitious housekeeping skills.



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- 10 p.m. HALL** Movie "'Tis the Season to be Merry" (2021) Rachel Leigh Cook. A woman travels to Vermont for her book, where she begins to find a new perspective.
- NBC** Michael Buble's Christmas in the City Michael Buble presents the spirit of Christmas, all from Studio 8H in Rockefeller Center.
- TCM** Movie "Holiday Affair" (1949) Robert Mitchum. A man offers to buy a model train set for a boy whose mother cannot afford it.
- 10:15 p.m. AMC** Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

## Thursday, December 23

- 4 p.m. EWTN** The First Christmas Christopher Plummer narrates this timeless nativity story.
- HALL** Movie "A Royal Christmas" (2014) Stephen Hagan. A woman is whisked away to Europe when her boyfriend reveals he's actually a prince.
- HMM** Movie "A Blue Ridge Mountain Christmas" (2019) A hotel manager returns home to help her sister plan her wedding.
- 4:05 p.m. FREE** Movie "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.
- 5:30 p.m. AMC** Movie "Fred Claus" (2007) Paul Giamatti. Santa bails his criminal brother out of jail and brings him to the North Pole.
- EWTN** An EWTN Holy Land Experience Journey to sites throughout Bethlehem for an unforgettable Christmas experience.
- 6 p.m. BET** Movie "Almost Christmas" (2016) Kimberly Elise. After the death of his wife, a man asks his family for one gift: for them to get along.
- HALL** Movie "A Nashville Christmas Carol" (2020) Jessy Schram. A television producer is forced to work with the man who broke her heart.
- 7:30 p.m. DISN** Toy Story That Time Forgot Trixie the triceratops helps the gang to return to Bonnie's room.
- 8 p.m. ABC** Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town Kris Kringle overcomes an evil ruler and delivers toys to children all over the world.
- AMC** Movie "Four Christmases" (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.
- CW** Silent Night: A Song for the World A look at the creation and cultural impact of the song Silent Night, by Salzburg.
- DISN** Movie "A Christmas Carol" (2009) Voices of Jim Carrey. Spirits visit Ebenezer Scrooge and show him the errors of his ways by revisiting his life.
- HALL** Movie "The Christmas House 2: Deck the Halls" (2021) Robert Buckley. A man is roped into a house decorating TV show and is pitted against his brother.
- HMM** Movie "Christmas on Honeysuckle Lane" (2018) Alicia Witt. A sister is in charge of selling their recently deceased parents' home.
- LIFE** Movie "Rebuilding a Dream Christmas" (2021) Meggan Kaiser. A real estate broker and a single dad work together to renovate a Victorian house.
- TCM** Movie "It Happened on Fifth Avenue" (1947) Don DeFore. While a family is away for Christmas, a hobo and his friends live in their mansion.
- 9 p.m. ABC** A Very Boy Band Holiday Members of your favorite boy bands song their holiday hits.

## Thursday, Dec. 23, on Lifetime



Lifetime

**W**hen Abbey (Meggan Kaiser) inherits a house from her grandmother, she is forced back to her hometown to fix it up in "Rebuilding a Dream Christmas," premiering Thursday, Dec. 23, on Lifetime. She hires single dad Josh (Zane Stephens) to help with the repairs, and as she grows closer to Josh and his young son, Noah (Bryson JonSteele), Abbey finds inspiration and makes a new home for herself just in time for Christmas.

- 9:15 p.m. FREE** Movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000) Jim Carrey. A Grinch plans on stealing Christmas from the residents of Whoville, who love Christmas.
- 10 p.m. ABC** CMA Country Christmas Country's biggest stars celebrate the holidays with songs and stories to warm your heart.
- AMC** Movie "The Polar Express" (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks. A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.
- EWTN** Reclaiming the Carol Charles Dickens returns to find Christmas is commercialized.

## Friday, December 24

- 2 p.m. AMC** Movie "Scrooged" (1988) Bill Murray. A callous executive learns the true meaning of Christmas when he is visited by ghosts.
- HALL** Movie "Crashing Through the Snow" (2021) Amy Acker. A couple decide to crash their family's perfect Christmas celebration.
- MTV** Movie "Bad Santa" (2003) Billy Bob Thornton. A conman poses as a mall Santa in order to rip off department stores during the holidays.

- TCM** Movie "The Shop Around the Corner" (1940) James Stewart. A pair of co-workers do not realize that they are each other's lonelyheart pen-pals.
- 2:15 p.m. SHOW** Movie "Reindeer Games" (2000) Ben Affleck. An ex-convict assumes his old cellmate's identity to meet his gorgeous girlfriend.
- 2:30 p.m. FXMovie** Movie "A Christmas Carol" (1951) Alastair Sim. The ghosts of Christmas past, present and future show a miser the meaning of Christmas.
- 4 p.m. AMC** Movie "The Polar Express" (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks. A doubting little boy boards a magical train to visit the North Pole on Christmas Eve.
- HMM** Movie "One Christmas Eve" (2014) Anne Heche. An abandoned puppy becomes a catalyst for a series of misadventures on Christmas Eve.
- MTV** Movie "Bad Santa 2" (2016) Billy Bob Thornton. Willie Soke, accompanied by his mother, attempts to rob a charity on Christmas Eve.
- TCM** Movie "Christmas in Connecticut" (1945) Barbara Stanwyck. A promotional stunt threatens to expose a columnist's fictitious housekeeping skills.
- 4:15 p.m. STARZ** Movie "Christmas With the Kranks" (2004) Tim Allen. Luther and Nora Krank scramble to create the perfect Christmas for their daughter.
- 4:20 p.m. FXMovie** A Christmas Carol A bitter old man has is visited by three ghosts over the course of Christmas Eve night.
- 5 p.m. FX** Movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000) Jim Carrey. A Grinch plans on stealing Christmas from the residents of Whoville, who love Christmas.
- 6 p.m. AMC** Movie "Four Christmases" (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.
- FREE** Movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000) Jim Carrey. A Grinch plans on stealing Christmas from the residents of Whoville, who love Christmas.
- HALL** Movie "'Tis the Season to be Merry" (2021) Rachel Leigh Cook. A woman travels to Cape Cod for the first time after her mother's death and falls in love.
- HMM** Movie "Christmas Bells are Ringing" (2018) Emillie Ullerup. A woman returns to Cape Cod for the first time after her mother's death and falls in love.
- MTV** Movie "Bad Santa" (2003) Billy Bob Thornton. A conman poses as a mall Santa in order to rip off department stores during the holidays.
- TCM** Movie "Meet Me in St. Louis" (1944) Judy Garland. A man's family members oppose moving from turn-of-the-century St. Louis to New York.
- 6:30 p.m. DISN** Movie "Good Luck Charlie, It's Christmas!" (2011) Bridgit Mendler. The Duncans get separated en route to Palm Springs and scramble to get reunited.
- 7:30 p.m. FX** Movie "The Grinch" (2018) Benedict Cumberbatch. A mean Grinch looking for peace and quiet hatches a nefarious plot to steal Christmas.
- 7:50 p.m. FXMovie** Movie "A Christmas Carol" (1951) Alastair Sim. The ghosts of Christmas past, present and future show a miser the meaning of Christmas.
- 8 p.m. ABC** Olaf's Frozen Adventure Olaf and Sven search for the best traditions to bring home for Anna and Elsa's Christmas.
- AMC** Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.
- CBS** A Holly Dolly Christmas Global icon and country music superstar Dolly Parton shares the spirit of the holidays.

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**CW** **Christmas Around the World** See how Christmas is celebrated around the world including traditions and dinners.

**DISN** **Movie "Christmas...Again?!"** (2021)

**EWTN** **The EWTN Family Christmas Special** A special Christmas Concert at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**HALL** **Movie "The Christmas Contest"** (2021) Candace Cameron. Two exes take part in a Christmas contest in order to win money for their charities.

**HMM** **Movie "Return to Christmas Creek"** (2018) Tori Anderson. A woman must help her quarreling dad and uncle experience the true meaning of Christmas.

**LIFE** **Movie "Hot Chocolate Holiday"** (2021) Aubrey Reynolds. Two shop owners compete for customers with their hot chocolate recipes.

**MTV** **Movie "Bad Santa 2"** (2016) Billy Bob Thornton. Willie Soke, accompanied by his mother, attempts to rob a charity on Christmas Eve.

**NBC** **Movie "It's a Wonderful Life"** (1946) James Stewart. An angel shows a suicidal banker how important he has been to the lives of others.

**TBS** **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) Peter Billingsley. In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.

**TCM** **Movie "The Bishop's Wife"** (1947) Cary Grant. An angel comes to Earth to help a bishop and his wife raise funds to build a new church.

**STARZ** **Movie "Elf"** (2003) Will Ferrell. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.

**8:30 p.m.** **ABC** **Shrek the Halls** Shrek, Fiona, Donkey, Puss In Boots and all their fairy-tale buddies celebrate Christmas.

**FREE** **Frosty the Snowman** Pursued by a greedy magician and rising temperatures, Frosty sets off for the North Pole.

**9 p.m.** **ABC** **Disney's Prep and Landing** The Prep & Landing elves prepare homes around the world for Santa's arrival.

**BBC** **Movie "Scrooged"** (1988) Bill Murray. A callous executive learns the true meaning of Christmas when he is visited by ghosts.

**FREE** **Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer** A young reindeer and an elf search for a home where they will be accepted as they are.

**TNT** **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) Peter Billingsley. In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.

**9:30 p.m.** **ABC** **Prep and Landing 2: Naughty vs. Nice** Wayne and Lanny must race to recover classified North Pole technology.

**HALL** **Movie "The Nine Kittens of Christmas"** (2021) Brandon Routh. Zachary and Marilee are reunited after being tasked with finding a home for some kittens.

**9:40 p.m.** **FXMovie** **A Christmas Carol** A bitter old man has is visited by three ghosts over the course of Christmas Eve night.

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**10 p.m.** **FREE** **Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town** Kris Kringle overcomes an evil ruler and delivers toys to children all over the world.

**MTV** **Movie "Bad Santa"** (2003) Billy Bob Thornton. A conman poses as a mall Santa in order to rip off department stores during the holidays.

**TBS** **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) Peter Billingsley. In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.

**TCM** **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (1938) Reginald Owen. Ebenezer Scrooge learns a lesson in charity after a visit from three spirits.

## Friday, Dec. 24, on CW



Associated Television International

**D**ean Cain and Laura McKenzie host the global holiday celebration **"Christmas Around the World,"** airing Friday, Dec. 24, on CW. Viewers will learn how different cultures around the world celebrate Christmas, looking at past and current cultural traditions, as well as the stories and different foods that make the holiday season joyful.

## Saturday, December 25

**2 p.m.** **EWTN** **Christmas Matins From Bavaria**

**TBS** **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) Peter Billingsley. In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.

**2:30 p.m.** **AMC** **Movie "Fred Claus"** (2007) Paul Giamatti. Santa bails his criminal brother out of jail and brings him to the North Pole.

**HBO** **Movie "Miracle on 34th Street"** (1994) Lord Richard Attenborough. A young girl's mother hires a department store Santa who proves that he's genuine.

**3 p.m.** **E!** **Movie "It's a Wonderful Life"** (1946) James Stewart. An angel shows a suicidal banker how important he has been to the lives of others.

**FXMovie** **Movie "A Christmas Carol"** (1951) Alastair Sim. The ghosts of Christmas past, present and future show a miser the meaning of Christmas.

**TNT** **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) Peter Billingsley. In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.

**3:30 p.m.** **HALL** **Movie "A Christmas Treasure"** (2021) Jordyn Sparks. Lou wonders if she should move to New York after opening a time capsule.

**3:45 p.m.** **TCM** **Movie "It Happened on Fifth Avenue"** (1947) Don DeFore. While a family is away for Christmas, a hobo and his friends live in their mansion.

**4 p.m.** **FREE** **Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town** Kris Kringle overcomes an evil ruler and delivers toys to children all over the world.

**HMM** **Movie "A Godwink Christmas: Miracle of Love"** (2021) Katherine Barrell. Two people find a new purpose at Christmas through community service.

**TBS** **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) Peter Billingsley. In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.

**4:25 p.m.** **HBO** **Movie "Deck the Halls"** (2006) Danny de Vito. Two feuding neighbors try to prove to the other that he has more holiday spirit.

**4:50 p.m.** **FXMovie** **A Christmas Carol** A bitter old man has is visited by three ghosts over the course of Christmas Eve night.

**5 p.m.** **AMC** **Movie "Four Christmases"** (2008) Vince Vaughn. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents.

**HALL** **Movie "Christmas at Castle Hart"** (2021) Brooke goes to Ireland in search of her roots, and meets the charming Earl of Glaslough.

**TNT** **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) Peter Billingsley. In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.

**5:05 p.m.** **FREE** **Frosty the Snowman** Pursued by a greedy magician and rising temperatures, Frosty sets off for the North Pole.

**5:40 p.m.** **FREE** **Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer** A young reindeer and an elf search for a home where they will be accepted as they are.

**6 p.m.** **DISN** **Movie "Christmas...Again?!"** (2021)

**E!** **Movie "It's a Wonderful Life"** (1946) James Stewart. An angel shows a suicidal banker how important he has been to the lives of others.

**FX** **Movie "The Grinch"** (2018) Benedict Cumberbatch. A mean Grinch looking for peace and quiet hatches a nefarious plot to steal Christmas.

**HMM** **Movie "The Christmas Promise"** (2021) Torrey DeVitto. A woman learns to deal with grief with the help of her grandfather and a carpenter.

**TBS** **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) Peter Billingsley. In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.

**6:30 p.m.** **HALL** **Movie "Coyote Creek Christmas"** (2021) Janel Parrish. During a party at her family's inn, an event planner discovers the magic of Christmas.

**6:45 p.m.** **FREE** **Movie "Home Alone"** (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A young boy must fend off burglars after his family accidentally leaves him home alone.

**7 p.m.** **AMC** **Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"** (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

**TNT** **Movie "A Christmas Story"** (1983) Peter Billingsley. In the '40s, a young boy wants only one thing from Santa: an official Red Ryder BB gun.

**8 p.m.** **CW** **iHeartRadio Jingle Ball** Celebrate the season with performances by the year's biggest recording artists.

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**(HALL)** Movie "A Holiday in Harlem" (2021) Olivia Washington. A business executive is known for avoiding Christmas in her childhood neighborhood.

**(HMM)** Movie "Christmas in My Heart" (2021) Heather Hemmens. A concert violinist tutors the daughter of a reclusive country music star.

**(LIFE)** Movie "Writing Around the Christmas Tree" (2021) Krystal Joy Brown. A novelist strikes up a romance with another writer at a Christmas writers' retreat.

**(NBC)** Dr. Seuss' *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* The story of the Grinch, who decides to steal Christmas from the citizens of Whoville.

**8:20 p.m. (FXMovie)** Movie "A Christmas Carol" (1951) Alastair Sim. The ghosts of Christmas past, present and future show a miser the meaning of Christmas.

**8:30 p.m. (NBC)** Movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000) Jim Carrey. A Grinch plans on stealing Christmas from the residents of Whoville, who love Christmas.

**9 p.m. (E)** Movie "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946) James Stewart. An angel shows a suicidal banker how important he has been to the lives of others.

**9:15 p.m. (AMC)** Movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) Chevy Chase. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays.

**10 p.m. (HALL)** Movie "A Royal Queens Christmas" (2021) Megan Park. A woman from Queens enlists a prince to help with a local children's Christmas show.

### Sunday, December 26

**5 p.m. (TBN)** Max Lucado: Christmas Stories

**6 p.m. (HALL)** Movie "Sister Swap: Christmas in the City" (2021) Ashley Williams. Two sisters decide to swap cities to pursue new projects for the holiday season.

**8 p.m. (DISN)** Toy Story That Time Forgot Trixie the triceratops helps the gang to return to Bonnie's room.

**(HALL)** Movie "An Unexpected Christmas" (2021) Bethany Joy Lenz. A writer and his ex-girlfriend make a deal in order to save his family's Christmas.

**(HMM)** Movie "A Gift to Remember" (2017) Ali Liebert. An accident between a bookshop worker and a stranger leaves him without his memory.

**10 p.m. (HALL)** Movie "A Kiss Before Christmas" (2021) Jamie Denton. Ethan awakes to a new reality at Christmas, which may not be the life he was expecting.

### Monday, December 27

**6 p.m. (HALL)** Movie "Christmas Under Wraps" (2014) Candace Cameron Bure. A woman loses her job and beau on the same day, and reluctantly accepts a job in Alaska.

**(HMM)** Movie "Catch a Christmas Star" (2013) Shannon Elizabeth. A pop star reunites with her first love, but the pressures of fame could tear them apart.

**8 p.m. (HMM)** Movie "I'm Not Ready for Christmas" (2015) Alicia Witt. A woman's world is turned upside down when she suddenly finds that she can no longer lie.

**10 p.m. (HALL)** Movie "Christmas With the Darlings" (2020) Katrina Law. A woman is drawn into helping the younger brother of her wealthy boss during Christmas.

**(HMM)** Movie "Christmas in Evergreen" (2017) Ashley Williams. A wish upon a snow globe for a romantic Christmas comes true.

### Friday, Dec. 31, on ABC



Ida Mae Asturie

The ball drops to signal another year during "Dick Clark's Primetime New Year's Rockin' Eve With Ryan Seacrest," airing live from Times Square in New York City Friday, Dec. 31, on ABC. Now in its 49th year, this annual celebration features headlining performer Jennifer Lopez, joined by Billy Porter, Cyndi Lauper, Jimmie Allen and many more. This is Seacrest's 16th year as the special's host.

### Tuesday, December 28

**6 p.m. (HALL)** Movie "Sister Swap: A Hometown Holiday" (2021) Kimberly Williams-Paisley. Two sisters swap cities in order to pursue new projects during the Christmas season.

**8 p.m. (CW)** Popstar's Best of 2021 Elizabeth Stanton counts down the greatest and most memorable trends of 2021.

**(HALL)** Movie "Christmas She Wrote" (2020) Danica McKellar. A romance writer has her column canceled right before Christmas.

**10 p.m. (HMM)** Movie "Every Time a Bell Rings" (2021) Erin Cahill. Three estranged sisters take part in their father's Christmas scavenger hunt.

**(NBC)** Kelly Clarkson Presents: When Christmas Comes Around Featuring new songs as well as a curated list of iconic classics from Kelly Clarkson.

### Wednesday, December 29

**6 p.m. (HALL)** Movie "Coming Home for Christmas" (2017) Danica McKellar. A woman falls for a handsome man while planning a Christmas gala at his estate.

**8 p.m. (HALL)** Movie "Christmas at Castle Hart" (2021) Brooke goes to Ireland in search of her roots, and meets the charming Earl of Glaslough.

**10 p.m. (HALL)** Movie "The Christmas House 2: Deck the Halls" (2021) Robert Buckley. A man is roped into a house decorating TV show and is pitted against his brother.

### Thursday, December 30

**6 p.m. (HALL)** Movie "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" (2008) Brooke Burns. A single mom who has lost all faith in Christmas finds answers when her uncle visits.

**(HMM)** Movie "A Dream of Christmas" (2016) Nikki DeLoach. A restless young married woman's wish is granted a wish by a Christmas angel.

**8 p.m. (HALL)** Movie "Good Morning Christmas!" (2020) Alison Sweeney. Two squabbling TV hosts are sent to a festive small town over Christmas.

**10 p.m. (HALL)** Movie "A Dickens of a Holiday!" (2021) Brooke D'Orsay. A woman invites an action star to play Scrooge in a festival's "A Christmas Carol".

**(HMM)** Movie "Christmas at Grand Valley" (2018) Danica McKellar. An artist returns home to Grand Valley just in time for Christmas.

### Friday, December 31

**4 p.m. (HALL)** Movie "Making Spirits Bright" (2021) Taylor Cole. The son and daughter of rivaling holiday families help to mend their fathers' feud.

**6 p.m. (HALL)** Movie "A Christmas Treasure" (2021) Jordin Sparks. Lou wonders if she should move to New York after opening a time capsule.

**(HMM)** Movie "The Christmas Card" (2006) Edward Asner. Moved by an anonymous Christmas card, a military captain searches for the sender.

**8 p.m. (ABC)** Dick Clark's Primetime New Year's Rockin' Eve With Ryan Seacrest Celebrating New Year's Eve live from Times Square in New York City.

**(FOX)** Fox's New Year's Eve Countdown to the New Year.

**(HALL)** Movie "A Royal Queens Christmas" (2021) Megan Park. A woman from Queens enlists a prince to help with a local children's Christmas show.

**(NBC)** A Toast to 2021

**10 p.m. (ABC)** Dick Clark's Primetime New Year's Rockin' Eve With Ryan Seacrest Celebrating New Year's Eve live from Times Square in New York City.

**(HALL)** Movie "Christmas in Harmony" (2021) Ashleigh Murray. A music executive goes home to North Carolina in order to win her job back.

**(IFC)** Movie "The Night Before" (2015) Joseph Gordon-Levitt. Three friends hit the town on Christmas Eve as they bring an annual tradition to an end.

**10:30 p.m. (NBC)** NBC's New Year's Eve An entertainment-filled sign-off to 2020 and a hopeful look ahead to 2021.

**11 p.m. (FOX)** Fox's New Year's Eve Countdown to the New Year.

**11:30 p.m. (ABC)** Dick Clark's Primetime New Year's Rockin' Eve With Ryan Seacrest Celebrating New Year's Eve live from Times Square in New York City.

### Saturday, January 1

**11 a.m. (NBC)** Tournament of Roses Parade

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# A very merry script-mas

Food Network launches premiere scripted holiday film

By Dana Simpson  
TV Media

**M**uch like many families that may be forced to gather in a different way for a second pandemic-affected year, Food Network is trying something different this year. Amid all of the season's baking competitions, holiday cooking tips and star-studded wintery episodes, the Discovery Inc. network is launching its first-ever scripted program on discovery+ this yuletide season. "Candy Coated Christmas" airs Friday, Nov. 19, on the streamer.

The food-centric film follows the serendipitous union of business-woman Molly (Molly McCook, "Last Man Standing") and family man Noah (Aaron O'Connell, "The Haves and the Have Nots"), who "find themselves in an unusual situation as their pasts, present and futures collide to create an unexpected outcome just in time for Christmas" (per Food Network). Word has it there is even a greenhouse full of fresh mint, a spirit-lifting Christmas party and a fateful sprinkling of snow in the small (and adorably named) town of Peppermint Hollow to set the scene.

Ree Drummond, ranch wife, mother, blogger and star of Food Network's "Pioneer Woman," also stars in the new special as Bee, the owner



Molly McCook and Ree Drummond star in "Candy Coated Christmas"

of the local candy shop. Her first time acting in a film, Drummond is seeing one of her own wishes come true this holiday season — she once admitted in a statement, "If I get to be in just one movie in my life, I want it to be a Christmas movie."

And despite the new project's scripted nature, it wouldn't be a Food Network production if there wasn't a recipe involved. That's why the recipe for Bee's (it's really Drummond's own creation) famous Mint Brownie Bites is available on FoodNetwork.com.

So why not settle in with a cup of hot cocoa, make those Mint Brownie Bites and take in some early Christmas fun this Nov. 19 when "Candy Coated Christmas" airs on discovery+. Who knows? If it goes well, Food Network and discovery+ may make their scripted films an annual event (watch out, Hallmark!).

## Gingerbread House/People

By Dana Simpson  
TV Media

**P**ut a bit of sugar and spice into your holidays with this easily customizable treat. A traditional Christmas treat in any form, gingerbread is the perfect winter snack for sharing with friends and family. Bonus: this makes a great activity for a family, even leaving time to take in a holiday film while dough sets.

### INGREDIENTS:

3/4 cup melted butter  
3/4 cup well-packed brown sugar  
2/3 cup molasses  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
1 large egg  
3 1/4 cups all-purpose flour  
1/2 tsp. ground cloves  
1/4 tsp. nutmeg  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 tbsp. ground ginger  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1 tsp. ground cinnamon  
Zest of 1 orange (optional)  
Candies of choice, icing and powdered icing sugar for decorating

### Tip

A hefty line of hardening icing works best to hold gingerbread house walls together.



Dreamstime

### DIRECTIONS:

- Using a hand mixer, beat butter, brown sugar and molasses for two minutes or until fluffy. Add egg and vanilla, beating until combined.
- In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking soda, spices and salt. Gradually whisk in wet ingredients and orange zest. Mix until doughy.
- Divide dough into halves, wrap in plastic wrap and chill until firm (usually about three hours).
- Preheat oven to 350 F and line two cookie pans with parchment paper.
- Roll one ball of lightly floured dough onto each baking sheet, making sure it's no thinner than a quarter-inch to avoid burning.
- If making a house, cut out four rectangular pieces (roof and sides), two square pieces (front and back) and two triangular pieces (roof gables), in addition to a large base.
- If making gingerbread men, now is the time to form them using your favorite cookie cutters.
- Place house pieces/gingerbread men on the cookie pans. Bake for approximately 10 minutes, or until dough is puffy and golden brown.
- When ready, let sit for 5-10 minutes before moving to cooling rack to finish.
- Once cool, let the decorating begin, using your favorite icings and candies.

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# Merry and bright

## Netflix debuts its first LGBTQ+ holiday rom-com

By Raye Smith  
TV Media

The holidays are fast approaching, which means a sleighful of festive new content to ring in the season. So while stockings are being hung, candles are being lit and friends and family are coming together to celebrate, studios are giving the gift of feel-good holiday content to suit every soul.

The past few years have been groundbreaking for LGBTQ+ content in holiday films, meeting an increased demand for inclusivity. In 2020, the Hallmark Channel debuted its first holiday film featuring a gay leading couple in “The Christmas House,” as did Lifetime with “The Christmas Setup.” Hulu premiered the lesbian romance “Happiest Season” as well, the first LGBTQ+ holiday rom-com produced by a major studio, which grabbed attention with big-name stars Kristen Stewart (“Spencer,” 2021), Mackenzie Davis (“Blade Runner 2049,” 2017), Dan Levy (“Schitt’s Creek”) and Alison Brie (“Community”).

Now, Netflix is getting in the loving spirit with its own first LGBTQ+ holiday romance. “Single All the Way” premieres Thursday, Dec. 2, on the streamer.

Peter (Michael Urie, “Ugly Betty”) is out, proud and perpetually single.

Desperate to avoid his family’s judgment about his relationship status (or really, lack thereof) and to have a more relaxed holiday trip home, Peter asks his best friend, Nick (Philemon Chambers, “Of Hearts and Castles,” 2020), to join him and pretend they’re in a relationship. However, when Peter’s well-meaning but meddling mother, Carole (Kathy Najimy, “Hocus Pocus,” 1993), sets him up on a blind date with her handsome trainer, James (Luke Macfarlane, “Brothers & Sisters”), the plan starts to fall apart.

This sweetly hilarious holiday film comes from Tony-winning director Michael Mayer (of Broadway’s “Spring Awakening” (2006) and the 2006 big screen family hit “Flicka”). “Wayward Pines” Chad Hodge pens the script, as Joel S. Rice (“Signed, Sealed, Delivered”) takes on executive producing duties.

With a supporting cast rounded out by pop culture icons Barry Bostwick (“The Rocky Horror Picture Show,” 1975), Jennifer Coolidge (“Legally Blonde,” 2001) and Jennifer Robertson (“Schitt’s Creek”), this highly anticipated film is making a splash in Netflix’s lineup of festive content, which includes 23 new specials — five of them original romantic comedies.

Speaking about his writing process for “Single All the Way,” Hodge said: “I made a list of all the things I person-



Michael Urie and Jennifer Coolidge star in “Single All the Way”

ally wanted to see in a holiday rom-com. The list ran the gamut, from honestly portraying the uniqueness of gay friendships and relationships, to the often hilarious dynamics of our families, to Jennifer Coolidge. I’m so grateful to Netflix for embracing all of it.”

Mayer also noted that it was “really gratifying to tell a story that happens *after* coming out!”

There’s also a cozy lineup of LGBTQ+ rom-coms for non-Netflix users across a variety of platforms. Take, for example, Lifetime’s premiere lesbian romance, “Under the Christmas Tree,” premiering Sunday, Dec. 19, in which marketing whiz Alma (Elise Bauman, “Carmilla”) meets Christmas tree whisperer Charlie (Tattiawna

Jones, “The Handmaid’s Tale”), and romantic sparks start to fly between the two despite a rough beginning.

Hallmark is also releasing a sequel to 2020’s “The Christmas House.” “The Christmas House 2: Deck Those Halls,” premiering Saturday, Dec. 18, sees the return of on-screen husbands Jonathan Bennett (“Mean Girls,” 2004) and Brad Harder (“Aurora Teagarden Mysteries”) alongside the original cast. This time around, the Mitchell brothers, Mike (Robert Buckley, “One Tree Hill”) and Brandon (Bennett), compete to see who can make the best Christmas house.

Get jolly with those you love this holiday season, and don’t miss “Single All the Way” when it premieres Thursday, Dec. 2, on Netflix.



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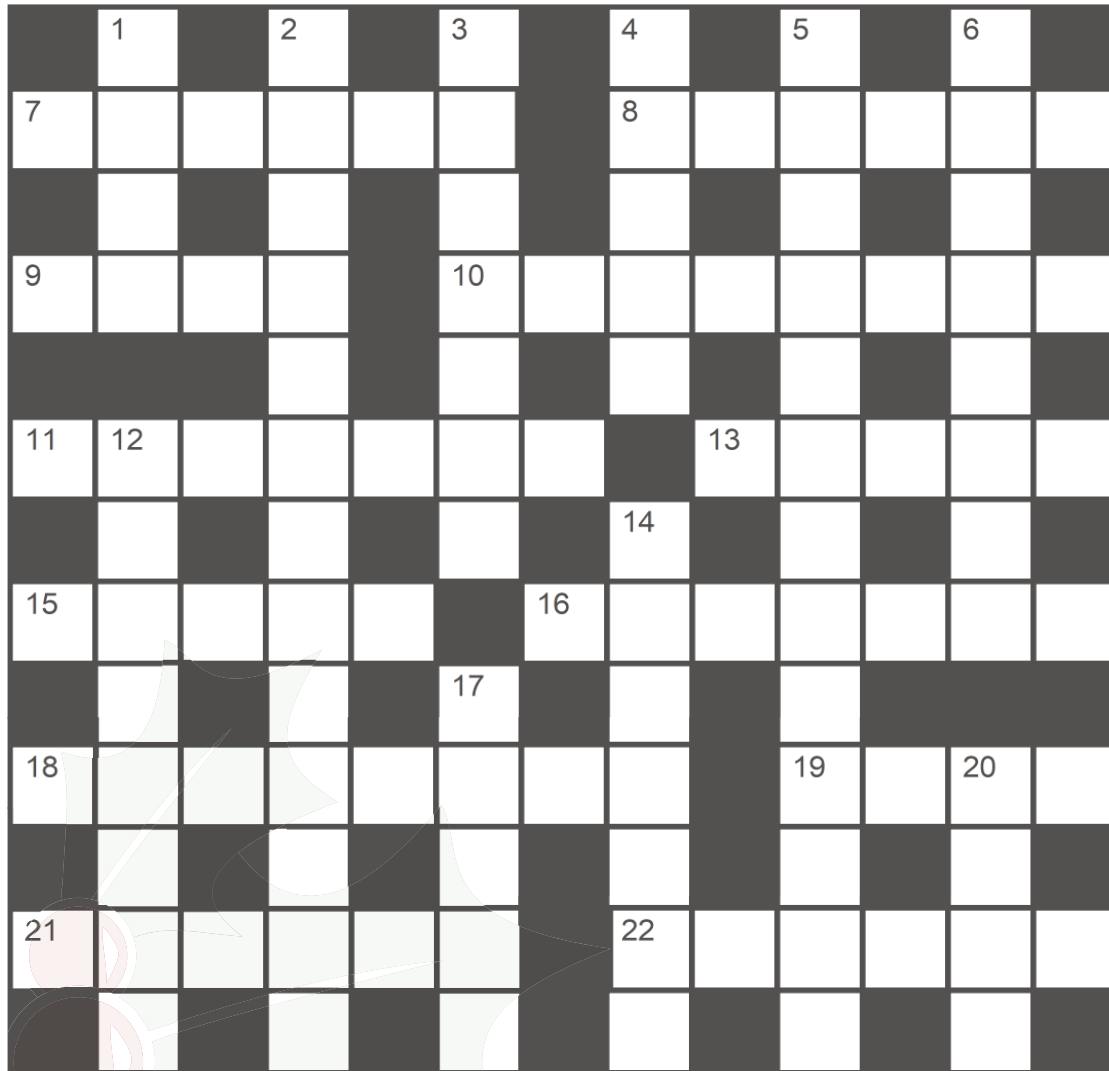
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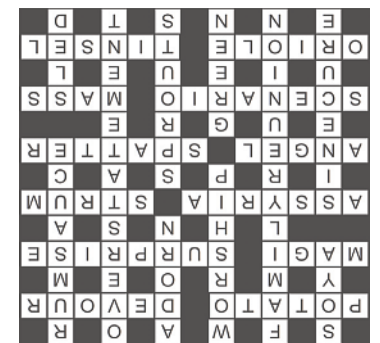
# Holiday Crossword

by Andrew Warren



- Across**
- 7 Christmas side
  - 8 What one might do to 7 Across and 6 Down
  - 9 Travelers to Bethlehem
  - 10 It may be wrapped up under a tree
  - 11 Ancient empire
  - 13 Play, in a way
  - 15 Christmas tree topper
  - 16 Mess in the oven after cooking Christmas dinner
  - 18 Game plan
  - 19 Catholic ceremony
  - 21 Songbird
  - 22 Sparkly holiday glitter
- Down**
- 1 Tofu bean, across
  - 2 Holiday gathering
  - 3 Christmas activity for Christian faithful
  - 4 Deck the halls
  - 5 Huge exaggeration
  - 6 Festive dessert topping
  - 12 Office that has few duties
  - 14 Brussels greens
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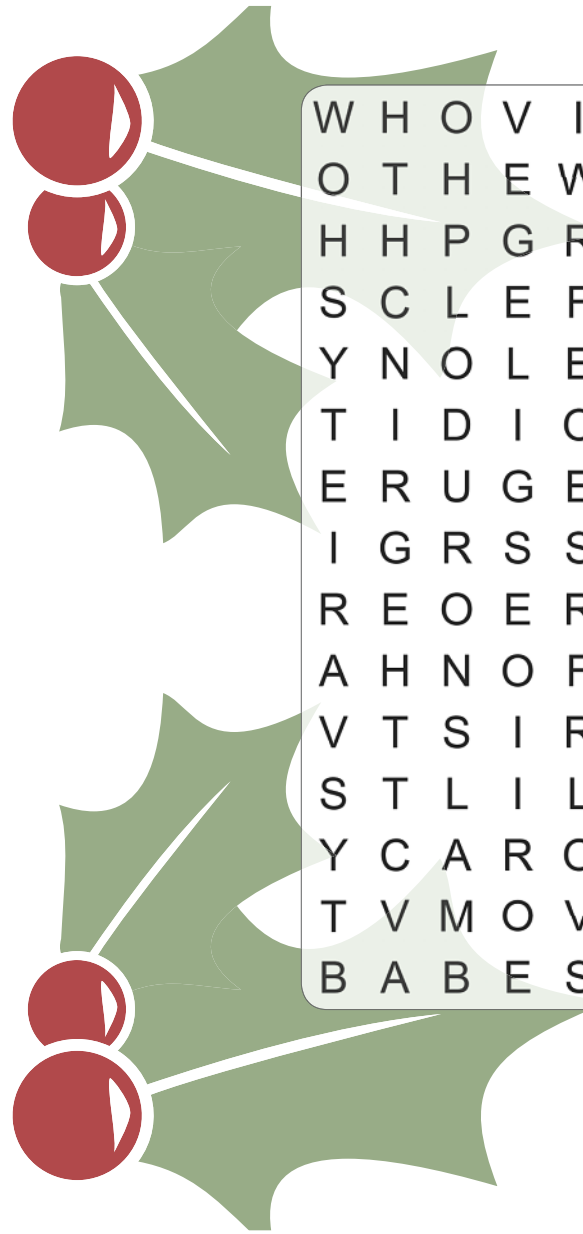
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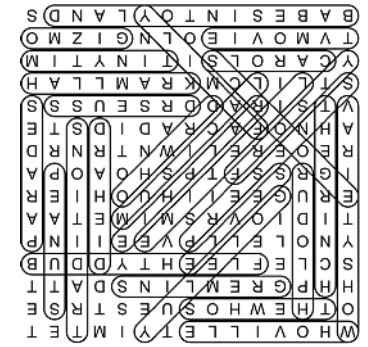
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- DR SEUSS
- SCROOGE
- DR WHO
- THE GRINCH
- ELVES
- THE WHOS
- FAMILY
- TINY TIM
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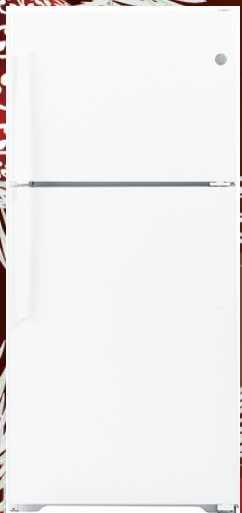
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